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Italy To Launch Offensive Against France ?

Massing Troops On Frontier Of Somaliland

French Defence Plans: Moroccan Troops To Guard African Coast

PARIS, January 17.

Reinforcements of Italian troops on the frontier of French Somaliland have been arriving daily by rail at Adagala for nearly a fortnight, according to the Jibuti correspondent of the "Intransigeant". Fresh troops are said to be mostly Askaris and Arabs.

The Correspondent also states that he learns that six submarines, ten gunboats and a cruiser "Bari" are moored at Massawa.—Reuter.

FR. SQUADRONS FOR GIBRALTAR

PARIS: Jan. 17.

The French Atlantic and Mediterranean Squadrons are sailing at dawn to-morrow from Brest and Toulon for winter manoeuvres, off the African Coast and the Straits of Gibraltar. After exercises off the Straits, the two fleets will proceed to Casablanca for combined exercises, including an attack from the sea and defence of the Coast by Moroccan forces.

Gen. Gamelin and Vice-Admiral Darlan will at the same time study the defence of Moroccan Coast.

EIGHTY SHIPS TO PARTICIPATE

Nearly 80 vessels will participate in the manoeuvres, including three battleships, ten cruisers, six divisions of destroyers, two flotillas of torpedo-boats, two flotillas of submarines and an aircraft carrier.

The Atlantic Squadron will return in the middle of February, but the Mediterranean Squadron will extend the cruise to Tunis. —Reuter.

French Battleship Launched

BREST: Jan. 17.

When the new 35,000-ton battleship "Richelieu" took to water today. Madame Mons, wife of a dockyard worker, cut the Tricolour, releasing the vessel. She was accompanied by her ten children and husband, who has worked for many months on the warship.—Reuter.

TO FILL UP LOW BIRTH-RATE GAPS

French Bill To Lower Age Of Recruits

PARIS, Jan. 17.

The Government have tabled a bill extending for an unspecified period the provisions of the law adapting military service to fill the breaches caused by low birth-rate during Great War.

The main features of the 1936 Bill were two years service instead of one and lowering the age of calling up of recruits to 20 instead of 21.

The Government explains that the international situation does not permit the reduction of the effectives. Moreover it is declared that it is necessary to reinforce the Air Arm and anti-Aircraft defence.—Reuter.

ITALIANS RETURN FRENCH MEDALS

ROME, Jan. 17.

A movement has begun to-day to return French war medals held by Italians. This is a reply to alleged insults to Italy's armed forces in the French press.—Reuter.

FRENCH TROOPS REACH JIBUTI

JIBUTI, Jan. 17.

The remaining battalion of French troops, which is being sent to Somaliland Frontier arrived here in the liner "Athos" to-day.

The Governor M. Annet, toured the Frontier yesterday.—Reuter.

SARDAR PATEL'S TELEGRAM TO VICEROY

Urges Agency Not To Interfere In Rajkot Thakore's Action

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Jan. 17.

It is reported Sardar Patel has agreed to withdraw the name of Mr. Dhebar from the names of the Rajkot Reforms Committee in order to end the deadlock.

SARDAR PATEL HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE AGENCY RESIDENT MR. GIBSON AND HAS SENT IT TO THE THAKORESAHEB TO DESPATCH IT TO THE RESIDENT. IN THE LETTER IT IS UNDERSTOOD SARDAR PATEL HAS URGED THE AGENCY NOT TO COME IN THE WAY WHEN THE RULER GIVES RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT TO HIS SUBJECTS AND IF ANY OBJECTION BE RAISED, CONGRESS WOULD BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO GOVERNMENT.

IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT SARDAR PATEL HAS WIRED ON THE ABOVE ISSUE TO THE VICEROY.

In yesterday's Kathiawar Princes' Conference it is understood some chiefs said it was the Rulers' choice as to what reforms to give to their subjects and that the Agency could not interfere.

It is learnt one chief said that Rajkot Thakoresaheb has compromised with its subjects "without asking us. We should likewise also put him aside." This suggestion it is learnt, was laughed out by brother chiefs.

Mr. Samaldas Gandhi will see the Thakore to-night I am in a position to say that the people shall not have to recommence the fight.

NO PROSPECTS OF SOLUTION OF RAJKOT DEADLOCK?

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Jan. 17.

It is understood that the Thakore Saheb has refused to grant an interview to Mr. Samaldas Gandhi. Mr. Virawala's also does not appear inclined to leave Rajkot. Mr. Samaldas Gandhi may in all probability fly to Bardoli to-morrow.

Mr. Dhebar had talks on the phone to-day with Congress leaders at Bardoli.

Azad To Be Next Congress President?

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 17.

Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have said that he was favourably inclined to the election of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as the President of the next Congress. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, too, shares with Gandhiji's view. Maulana Azad, however, has hitherto not consented to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of office owing, it is said, to his old age and other considerations of health.

Some other names including those of C. Rajagopalachari and Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramaya have been canvassed in some circles but it hoped that ultimately Maulana Azad may accept the proposal.

FRONTIER FOR AZAD?

(From Our Correspondent.)

PESHAWAR, (By Mail.)

It is understood that the new N.W.F.P. Congress Committee, is unanimously forwarding the name of Maulana Azad for the presidentship of the Congress.

GAYDA'S WARNING TO FRANCE

Italy Ready To Defend Honour With Arms

ROME, Jan. 17.

"In the end guns will go off of their own account", declares Signor Gayda in an article in the "Giornale d'Italia."

Referring to the campaign of abuse which is reaching a dangerous point in Italian and French newspapers, Signor Gayda argues "insults in the French press can no longer be regarded as emanating from irresponsible circles".

He says, "they are stimulated by French official attitude and will have irreparable consequences." Signor Gayda declares that despite warnings the French persist in offending Italy's honour by demonstrations, which make the Italian blood boil "and when Italy's honour is in cause, Italy is ever ready to defend it even by arms."—Reuter.

GALE HAVOC IN NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON (New Zealand). Jan. 17.

Fierce gales are sweeping the country, causing widespread damage. Fruit farmers estimate that they have lost a third of their crops. Power and telephone lines have been blown down and Wellington was twice blacked out in the past few days. Floods are disrupting communications. Blinding duststorms in Esq valley are so dense that motors with headlights collided head on at daytime.—Reuter.

Jobless Make Lie-down Demonstrations

LONDON, Jan. 17.

To the accompaniment of an incessant chorus from taxi and motor hooters, unemployed men staged a further lie-down demonstration in London. In heavy rain, 50 members of the National Unemployed) workers movement lay down on their backs across Oxford Street and traffic was held up for 15 minutes before the men were removed by the police.—Reuter.

(Special for "The Chronicle")

Japan's Conditional "Open Door" In China

Forecast Of Tokio's Reply To United States And Britain

TOKIO: JAN. 17.

JAPANESE REPLY TO THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICAN NOTES ON "OPEN DOOR" POLICY IN CHINA WILL BE MADE SHORTLY, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE NOTES SUGGEST THE REVISION OF MODIFICATION OF "OPEN DOOR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY" PRINCIPLES THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED POWERS.

Conditional "Open Door"

Although Japan considers such method is not likely to be successful she is prepared, according to authoritative circles, and by virtue of her traditional friendship, both with Britain and the United States to enter into such negotiations on certain conditions.—Reuter.

"ANGLO-SAXONS EXCITED" — BERLIN TAUNT ON BRITISH PROTEST NOTE

BERLIN, Jan. 17.

Anglo-Saxons have become excited at the creation of a political economic and cultural bloc, consisting of China, Japan and Manchukuo, says the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung", commenting on what the paper describes as the sharper tone adopted by Britain and America towards Japan.

The paper adds

IT CAN STILL BE SAID THAT NEITHER BRITAIN NOR AMERICA ARE READY FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION. THEY ARE PROBABLY MORE ADEPT IN PHRASING NOTES BUT JAPAN IS MORE SUCESSFUL IN THE MATTER OF DEEDS.—REUTER.

CHINA WELCOMES Br. NOTE TO JAPAN

CHUNGKING: Jan. 17.

The British Note to Japan is profoundly welcomed here.

Press opinion declares that the Note has dispelled once for all the misgivings in the Far-East concerning British policy.—Reuter.

France To Make Demarche To Japan

PARIS, Jan. 17.

The French Government is shortly making a demarche to Japan asking further information on recent declarations by Japanese statesmen concerning Japanese policy in China and the application of Nine-Power Treaty, similar to the demarches made by Britain and United States.—Reuter.

Appeal For Embargo On 'Planes And Petrol

GENEVA, Jan. 17.

An appeal for an embargo (against Japan) on aeroplanes and petrol was made by Dr. Wellington Koo the Chinese Delegate at the public meeting of the League Council.

He stated "the Japanese aircraft are continuing their infernal work of destruction. World opinion has been unable to influence the Japanese and in the opinion of the Chinese Government, the only effective method is to institute an embargo on aeroplanes and petrol."

JAPAN'S AMBITION.

Dr. Koo added that the Japanese desired the subjugation of Asia and eventually domination of the world. They might consider this fantastic but Japanese leaders considered that they were born to rule the world. That China should join with Japan meant that China should be a vassal with Japanese troops quartered in the country. These were preposterous conditions. While China respected the "open door" policy Japan sought to make a special reserve of China.

Dr. Koo described the military operations in Chna and referred to the success of Guerilla tactics behind the Japanese lines.—Reuter.

Czech Ministerial Changes

PRAGUE, Jan. 17.

The third minister for Carpatho-Ukraine has been appointed, namely, Gen. Prachala. Others are M. Volosin, Premier, Carpatho Ukraine and M. Revay, Minister of Justice.—Reuter.

How To Enthrone King Cotton

Sir Purshottamdas Welcomes R. T. C.

EMPHASISES SPECIAL FACTORS LIKE RATIO

But Says India Will Not Accept Any Acreage Reduction

"SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE"

Mr. E. J. Schwabach's bold and pronounced views on cotton problems published in the Bombay Chronicle have made the Cotton circles in the city to think and to think seriously. The pronouncement is hailed by all as clearing the ground for a friendly rapprochement among cotton producing nations, and as the basis of a new approach to solve the puzzling problems of the slump.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakoredas, President of the East India Cotton Association in the course of his interview with our representative welcomes Mr. Schwabach's plan in broad outlines, but emphasises special factors like the Ratio and the absence of a Central National Government, which worsen the position of Indian cotton growers.

No Acreage Reduction

It would be recalled that Sir Purshottamdas was the first to send an S. O. S. to the nation on behalf of the Indian cotton cultivators by appealing to the public to invest their money in cotton as a cash crop, so that it might arrest the downward trend in prices and give some relief to the growers. When Sir Purshottamdas declares that there has been no increase in acreage in India and the growers can ill-afford any decrease in acreage, he speaks with authority.

SIR PURSHOTTAMDAS' VIEWS

"I have read the views of Mr. E. J. Schwabach published in your issue in connection with the serious situation of cotton in the world's markets. Whether all that Mr. Schwabach says is feasible or not, as far as India is concerned, there will be unanimity that his views, as expressed in your paper, are thought-provoking. Anything which can raise the income of producers of raw materials in India at this stage is most welcome, and the question of amelioration of the sad plight of the cotton-grower of India must have sympathetic hearing from every quarter.

RATIO QUESTION.

One of the tragic symptoms of the unnatural condition of international markets is the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty. Mr. Schwabach deplores that the low cotton prices have not increased consumption. He appears to indicate, as if higher prices may restore confidence and buying power. As far as India is concerned, this is an admitted fact, and there can be no restoration of confidence or any increase in the buying power of the masses of India, until higher prices are available not only for cotton but for all raw produce It is to this end that the public generally, and the Indian National Congress in particular, have been anxious for a reconsideration of the existing Rupee-Sterling ratio. But there, the Central Government appear to hold substantially different views.

QUESTION TO BE SOLVED.

Mr. Schwabach thinks that lack of co-operation between the U.S.A. India, Egypt, China and Brazil is the direct cause of the economic ruin of the cotton-grower, and that this can only be adjusted, if the U.S.A. Control Plan is put into operation in all these countries which are among the major cotton-producing countries in the world. Mr. Schwabach must have borne in mind that the economic and political conditions in these various countries differ substantially from those in the U.S.A., and as far as possessing the means to bring about any relief is concerned U.S.A., of course, stands definitely at the top and by itself. Mr. Schwabach suggests that at a conference of the sort that he recommends, representatives of each country should take an unselfish attitude and try to solve the problem from the international point of view. No one can take exception to this, but Mr. Schwabach, as an experienced operator in raw produce, cannot have overlooked the fact that the success of any such scheme would depend on everybody observing rules of equity and fair-play, and how this can be assured is a question to be considered.

Mr. Schwabach is of opinion that as the standard of living and the cost of production of cotton in each country do differ materially, a Round Table Conference would easily determine the system whereby an equitable adjustment is made. This again is a very important issue, and Mr. Schwabach's detailed opinion on the basis of the adjustment would be instructive. As an ideal, the "Ever-Normal-Granary Plan" of the U.S.A. must, on paper, be approved of, but details of this also require to be understood.

WANTED MORE LIGHT.

Mr. Schwabach's conclusion is that a World Conference of cotton-growing countries is, 'in any case,' advisable. To a consideration of an idea like this, no exception need be taken, but it would be very advisable, before the conference meets, to have the preliminaries cleared up in a practical way. With these remarks, I welcome Mr. Schwabach's opinion as expressed, and trust that he will indicate the more important details, either before he leaves India, or, after he returns to the U.S.A., prepare the ground in a practical spirit.

NO REDUCTION POSSIBLE.

I would like to mention quite clearly that in India, we have not appreciably increased the acreage under cotton since 1931, as is alleged in some quarters. We therefore can ill afford to reduce acreage under cotton, and further, we here have not the means wherewith to pay for unemployment. The question of substitutes for cotton acreage is a problem which still awaits solution in India, and Mr. Schwabach will, I

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

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(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
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Dated, Bombay, 18th January, 1939.

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I, the undersigned Passoo Devshi have taken over certain assets of the firm and all outstandings and debts due to the said firm and also the liabilities if any of the said firm upon certain terms and conditions. There are no liabilities whatsoever of the said firm, nor is anything whatever due to anybody by the said firm, I the undersigned Passoo Devshi have been by mutual consent given the goodwill of the said firm and the right to the name of the said firm. All persons owing anything to the said firm are required to pay the same to the said Passoo Devshi.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1939.

PASOO DEVSEE,
RAMJI DEVSEE,
PREMJI DEVSEE.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 306 of 1936.

Bai AMNABAI, widow of Haji Alimahomed Haji Hasham and others. ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
HAJI USMAN HAJI SULLEMAN and others ... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Consent Decree and Decretal Order of Reference, dated 26th August, 1936, and Judge's Order dated 14-10-1938 the following immovable properties will be sold in one lot by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on Monday 23rd January, 1939, at 4 P.M. (S.T.):—

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G. R. KHAIRAZ,
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IMMUNE TO FIRE, BUT NOT FIRE-PROOF

Tragic End Of Jain Ascetics

PATNA. (By Mail.)

A fire slowly spreading across the bed of straw on which six Jain ascetics were seated in meditation was watched by them, none moving or raising any alarm though the fire burnt three of them to death and severely scorched the other three, according to an Arrah report.

Six Jain ascetics sat in meditation in a temple in a village in Shahabad, all quiet like statues in a room dimly lit by a hanging lantern. The lantern fell down. A small tongue of flame lit up, in a corner, the straw bed on which the ascetics sat at the place where the lantern had fallen.

The fire crept up the straw bed, but the ascetics did not move. The crackling of the straw burning was the only sound heard and the fire only moved. It spread and came closer to them and burnt them The ascetics forbidden to move or talk during meditation by religion sat there whilst the flames shot allround. Three died of burns, other three are at present in a precarious condition in the Arrah hospital. —A. P

PAY MORE WAGES

Ambalal Sarabhai Pleads For Planned Production

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 17.

Giving evidence before the Textile Enquiry Committee this morning Seth Ambalal Sarabhai, a prominent millowner, agreed that wages were low, and if they wanted to give impetus to the industry and increase wages, the hours of work should not be decreased. There was nothing like overproduction, and if there was there would be no foreign imports.

Witness was in favour of planned production he was not in favour of decreasing the present wages. It was advantageous to pay more wages than to curtail hours of work. Whatever be the price of cotton attention must be paid to the need of production according to requirements. Rationalisation was bound to bring unemployment the minimum standard for the Agent's commission should also be fixed, he opined that the National Planning Committee would recommend minimum wages for all industries. The scheme of the national planning committee would not be for one province, but for the whole country.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF THANA CONGRESS

R. L. Rede Elected President

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Jan. 16.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Thana Town Congress Committee, held last evening in the Nagindas Hall, for the election of office-bearers for the current year, proved to be a lively affair. Mr S. A Tendulkar presided

Over 200 members were present and took keen interest in the proceedings

Mr. Damle and his followers seeing that their proposition about the constitution of the Committee that it should consist of 15 members having failed, left the meeting A report along with the statement of income and expenditure was passed unanimously.

The following gentlemen then were elected to form the Committee:—

Messrs. R. L. Rede; D. S. Bajpai: D. M. Nadkarni; S. A. Tendulkar; Manilal Shah; Kantilal N. Thanawala; Y. D. Phanekar; Nath Tamhane; Shamrao Palki; Dhaniram Teli; D. M. Sutar and D. B. Tamhane as ex-officio

Mr. R. L. Rede was elected as President, Messrs. D. M. Sutar and D. B. Tamhane as Joint Secretaries and Mr. K. N. Thanawala as Treasurer.

Besides the office-bearers above mentioned, the following gentlemen were elected to be the Committee's representatives on the Thana District Congress Committee:—

Messrs. S. A. Tendulkar, D. S. Bajpai, Y. D. Thanekar and Dhaniram Teli

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

LUCKNOW.—"I always welcome the opening of Banks in the provinces. Banking is the nerve centre of industry," said Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly on Monday evening while performing the opening ceremony of the branch of the Comilla Banking Corporation. He said that a good banking corporation was in the best position to help industry.—United Press.

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AROUND THE COURTS

A motor driver who is alleged to have knocked down a pedestrian and then dashed into a car, on the Queen's Road on Saturday evening was put up before Mr. I. N Mehta, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court on Monday.

It was alleged that the accused Bhograj Shetty Subbaya Shetty was driving car No. Y9051 along Queen's Road towards Opera House, at a great speed. Near the Sonapur Cemetery he swerved to avoid a pedestrian but failed to do so and knocked him down. The car then went out of his control and dashed into a car coming from the opposite direction.

The pedestrian, who received serious injuries, was removed to hospital.

The accused was enlarged on bail for a fortnight.

An aged woman is alleged to have been murdered and robbed of all her gold ornaments in a lonely room at Mande Harhia Nakw's Chawl, off Sewri Cross Road, yesterday evening.

It was stated by the deceased's husband at the inquest on Sudrabai Bhola that when he returned home from his work, he found her lying dead on the bed, police were informed. They took charge of the body. All the gold ornaments, which she had on her person were missing.

The inquest was adjourned for police investigation till January 31.

Australian Financier Allowed Bail

A cablegram from Sydney stating that John Woolcott Forbes, arrested in Bombay on Friday evening on board s.s. "Strathnaver," was wanted there in a case of forged share certificates, was produced to-day by the Bombay police in asking for a further remand of the accused to custody.

The accused described as an Australian businessman was a passenger on board the ship, bound for London. He was on his way to his ailing wife. On Saturday last, the police stated before the Court that they were expecting a cablegram from Sydney regarding the exact charges against the accused.

In asking for a further remand of the accused to jail custody, Sergeant Moore of the C. I. D. stated that they were in receipt of the expected cablegram which stated that the accused was wanted in a case of 42,000 forged share certificates, each share being valued at 4sh. 6d. totalling in all £9,450.

The police officer further stated that an escort with original warrant would be leaving for Bombay from Sydney on January 19, to take charge of the accused.

Mr. A. P. Lillie, applying for bail on behalf of the accused, stated that some moneys had been received from the accused's wife from London and that the accused was therefore in a position to deposit a reasonable amount. Two Australian trainers were prepared to stand as sureties. The accused, he remarked, was a man of substance and a cablegram from his many friends had already been received stating that they were shocked to hear about the arrest and that they were prepared to help him.

The Magistrate directed the release of the accused on a cash deposit of Rs. 5,000 wih two sureties in like amount, one of whom is to deposit Rs. 5,000.

STEPHEN D'SOUZA, WHO CREATED A NEW RECORD IN 10,000 METERS TRACK RACE IN THE 5TH BOMBAY OLYMPIC GAMES AT BRABOURNE STADIUM ON TUESDAY MORNING.

MR. CHANDUBHAI J. PATEL, B.Sc. of the Bombay University, who had proceeded to England for technological studies returned to Bombay by the mail boat last week after obtaining the M.Sc. degree of the Manchester University, where he spent a year in post-graduate work investigating level dyeing properties of the direct cotton colours. He also took the diploma in Industrial Administration in the same university. He also took practical training in the same line for some time in Germany.

Bombay Budget To Reveal New Taxes?

Consultations With Sardar Patel At Bardoli

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Important decisions will be taken informally with regard to the tapping of new sources of taxation, it is understood, at Bardoli after consultations with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mahatma Gandhi.

Items for new taxation proposals in the new Finance Bill which would be brought before the Bombay Legislative Assembly in the coming session had been engaging the attention of the Cabinet for a considerable period.

Although the ground for the sales taxes on patroleum and other commodities had been paved by the trend of recent events like the decision of the Federal Court in the C. P. case, a tussle between the Central Government and the Provincial Government in respect of the levy of taxes on certain other items was not discounted by the Cabinet, in the light of budget discussions and the statement made by the Finance Minister in the course of the budget discussion last year.

LOAN FROM CENTRAL GOVT?

The idea of raising a loan from the Central Government having met with Cabinet opposition, it is likely that the Bombay Government will hunt for new sources, having regard to the policy of Government not to come into open conflict with the enterprising industrial concerns in the Presidency and to the practical difficulties which were not concealed by Government even during the last session.

Much leeway has to be made in view of the prohibition policy launched by Government entailing upon it huge deficits and the ameliorative measures for the poor which Government has undertaken.

TAX ON EXCHANGES

Much criticism was made at the last session for the failure of Government to impose sales taxes on exchanges operating in the Presidency. While Government had not lost sight of those exchanges and was trying to take a practical view of levying a tax in that regard as "evasions" in such matters were possible without proper preventive measures, it is thought probable that that may come under Government purview with added attention and in the light of Government experience in those matters.

The problem, therefore, before Government has assumed great dimensions and so an exploratory conference, consistent with the policy of the Congress, is being held at Bardoli.

GANDHIJI'S SUGGESTION

It will be recalled that Mahatma Gandhi in a recent article in "Harijan" suggested the imposition of fresh texation in the urban areas and also the raising of a loan without interest from Central Government in cases where additional taxation is not possible for the purpose.

Mr. K. M. Munshi left for Bardoli last night and Mr. Morarji Desai and Dr. M. D. Gilder left the same place on Tuesday morning.

Hakim Mohammad Abdus Salam Ansari, B.Sc. (centre), a nephew of the late Dr. M. A. Ansari, sailed on "Haj" pilgrimage last week with his father, Luqman-ul-Mulk, Hakim Haji Hafiz Mohommad Abdul Wahab Ansari, popularly known as Hakim Nabina Sahib "Afsarul Atibba," or Director, Unani Medical Department, Hyderabad (Deccan). At his left is Moulvi Mohammad Anwar Hashmi of Delhi.

COURT'S JURISDICTION UNDER AGRICULTURISTS' ACT

High Court's Ruling In Mortgage Suit

Mr. Justice Blackwell at the High Court heard the notice of motion taken out by Pandit Prabhu Dayal and others praying that the suit filed against them by Laldas Maganlal and another should be stayed till the disposal of another case.

The other suit which is pending in the Court of the "Munsif" at Agra had been instituted by the 1st defendant against the plaintiffs and defendants 2 and 3. In that suit he, as an agriculturist, had claimed to have accounts taken of the dealings between him and the present plaintiffs under Sec. 33 of the Agriculturist Relief Act. It was further stated by him that he had executed an equitable mortgage in favour of defendants 1 and 4.

After this suit had been instituted at Arya, the present suit was filed by the plaintiffs in the Bombay High Court, which was an ordinary mortgage suit for recovery of the amount due from the defendants or, in default, for sale of the property.

SUBJECT MATTER

In support of the application for stay of the Agra suit, it was contended that the matters in issue in both the suits were substantially the same between the parties.

His lordship, in his judgment, observed that Sub-Sec. 2 of Sec. 33 of the Act empowered the Munsiff's Court at Agra only to take accounts between the parties but did not empower it to pass a decree in excess of its pecuniary jurisdiction which was limited to Rs. 2,000. The Agra Court had, therefore, no jurisdiction, after taking accounts, to give the present plaintiffs the reliefs claimed by them in the present suit.

His lordship, therefore, dismissed the application with costs.

APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION

(From Our Correspondent).

THANA, Jan. 17.

Mr. V. R. Kulkarni, Municipal Drainage Engineer, Bandra, who along with others was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 750 of an offence under Section 304-A Indian Penal Code, by the then City Magistrate, Bandra, Mr. V. N. Pradhan, filed yesterday an appeal against the conviction in the Court of the Thana Sessions Judge Mr. M. A. Bhave. Mr. Kulkarni along with three others was tried for an offence in connection with the Bandra Drainage tragedy that occurred on the 5th of February last, involving the death of five coolies due to a collapse.

VICTORIAWALLAS' GRIEVANCES

Plea For Reduction Of Wheel Tax

The Bombay Hack Victoriawallas' Association has submitted the following to the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Bombay Municipality Re: Reduction in Wheel Tax of Hack Victorias plying in Bombay.

"Due to keen competition of motor driven Public Conveyances in Bombay, the business of Hack Victorias is being subjected to acute distress from day to day.

In order that some relief may be forthcoming we have often approached the Municipal Authorities with a request to reduce the wheel tax by 59 per cent.

To our misfortune our request has not been acceded to.

We have, therefore, to request you to favour us by compliance to our request by fixing the amount of wheel tax to Rs. 38 in the ensuing Budget for 1939.

Red Flag Candidates For Corporation

On behalf of the Red Flag Municipal Elections Committee the following candidates have been put up in the constituencies mentioned against their names for election to the Bombay Municipal Corporation:—

Mr. MAHAMAD SHAHEED (Byculla-Madanpura).
Mr. S S. MIRAJKAR (Parel).
Mr. K. N. JOGLEKER (Sewri-Naigaum).
Mr. R. S. NIMBKAR (Parbhadevi Worli).

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

(IN FORCE FROM OCTOBER, 1938)

Arrivals at and Departures from Victoria Terminus.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6 00	22 10
Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	7 50	17 40
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 00	20 45
Madras Express	10 10	15 00
Poona Mail	10 25	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 15	18 50
Nagpur Express	13 50	21 35
Poona Fast (Pass.)	17 00	11 50
Poona Express	19 24	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 15	7 00

B. B. & C. I. Railway

Time-table in force from 1st October, 1938.

Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon	21 15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 [illegible]	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

	Arr.
Frontier Mail (On Saturdays only for Homeward Passengers)	8 40

AIR MAIL TIMINGS

The following air mail time table is in force in Bombay:—

LONDON—BOMBAY (Juhu).

Planes call at Karachi, Bhuj and Ahmedabad.

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

Delivery: Monday (two deliveries) 8 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-30 p.m

BOMBAY (Juhu)—LONDON

Planes call at Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Karachi.

Latest hours of posting at the G. P. O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departure from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

BOMBAY (Juhu)—COLOMBO

Planes call at Hyderabad, Madras and Trichinopoly.

Latest hours of posting at the G. P. O.:—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-30 a.m. Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

COLOMBO—BOMBAY (Juhu)

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9-45 a.m. Delivery, Sunday 12-30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 p.m.

BOMBAY (via Calcutta)—SINGAPORE and AUSTRALIA.

Latest hour of posting:—Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

AUSTRALIA—BOMBAY (via Calcutta)

Delivery:—Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 6-30 p.m.

BOMBAY (via Calcutta)—HONGKONG CHINA AND JAPAN

Latest hour of posting:—Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

HONGKONG—BOMBAY (via Calcutta)

Delivery:—Tuesday and Saturday 11 a.m.

BOMBAY—KATHIAWAR.

Planes call at Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar and Porebunder.

Departures from Juhu: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7-15 a.m.

Arrivals:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m.

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Bombay—I Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)

8-0 a.m. Time Signal. 8-30 Recodds. 12-0 noon Narayan Rao Vyas. 12-30 p.m. Ladio Ploglam . 12-45 Out of the Rut. 12-50 Geet. 12-55 Market Rates. 1-5 Music. 3-30 Science by J. F. R. D'Almeida. 3-50 Musical Interval. 3-55 English Literature by R. K. Choksi, M.A. 4-15 Feature. 6-0 Master Dinanath of Surat. 6-20 Mohammad Umar Khan. 6-30 For Bhumijan. 7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 Gulshan Sufi. 8-0 Women Poets of Gujarat. Kanuben Dave (Gujarati) by Pushpalata R. Pandya. 8-15 Saraswati Mane. 8-30 Narayan Rao Vyas. 9-0 News in Hindustani. 9-15 Gulshan Sufi. 9-30 News in English. 9-50 Harold Scott. 10-10 World Affairs (from B B C) 10-25 Egidio Verga: Violoncello Recital. Walter Kaufmann at the Piano. 10-35 Phyllis Jeffery: Contralto. 10-45 The Melody Trio. 11-0 Epilogue.

Bombay—II Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s.)

8-0 a.m. to 9-0 and 12-0 noon to 2-0 p.m. and 3-30 to 4-30 As in Bombay I.

61.48 metres (4.880 kc/s.)

6-0 p.m. to 6-30 As in Bombay I. 6-30 Selected Thumris. 6-45 Jaltarang and Flute. 6-55 Master Dinanath. 7-10 Maligaura on Violin. 7-15 Saraswati Mane. 7-30 to 9-50 As in Bombay I. 9-50 Bhajan. 9-55 Sitar and Clarionet. 10-5 Gulshan Sufi. 10-15 Dum Dum Orchestra. 10-22 Narayan Rao Vyas. 11-0 Epilogue.

Delhi—I, II And III Programmes

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)
31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s.)
19.8 metres ,15,160 kc/s.)

8-0 a.m. As in Bombay 2.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)
31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s.)
19.8 metres 15,160 kc/s.)

12-0 noon to 2-0 p.m. As in Bombay 2.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)
60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s.)
31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s.)

6-10 p.m. Interlude. 6-15 to 7-12 As in Lahore. 7-15 to 8-0 As in Lahore. 8-0 Announcements. 8-5 to 8-27 As in Lucknow. 8-30 to 9-0 As in Bombay 2. 9-0 to 9-15 As in Lahore. 9-50 to 10-10 As in Lahore. 10-10 Dialogue (Hindustani). 10-20 to 11-0 As in Lucknow. 11-0 Late News.

Calcutta—I Programme

370 metres (810 kc/s)

12-30 p. m. Pablo Casals—'Celio. 1-0 B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra. 1-15 Market Rates. 1-30 Literature. After Banking Chandra Premen Mitra. 1-45 Stories Retold Don Quixote. By S. K. Mukherjee. 2-5 History, 2. 2-20 Latest Film Hits. 5-0 For Countryside. 5-30 Ramayana Gan. 7-0 Bela Kato. 7-30 Radharani. 7-50 Jantri Sangha. 8-5 Forgotten Bengal, 1. 9-10 Teresa Murphy: Soprano. 9-25 Orchestral Interlude. 9-30 Accident, Coincidence and Habit. By Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya. 9-45 Wurzel Flummery.

Calcutta—II Programme

31.48 metres (9,530 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-30 p. m. As in Calcutta 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5-0 to 10-30 As in Calcutta 1.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1.420 kc/s)

2-0 p. m. It might interest you 2-5 laying of Uganda Railway by P. N. Appuswami Iyer, B.A., B.L. 2-20 Music. 4-0 Things of interest. (Tamil) by 'Radio Mama' 4-5 Great Teachers of World. Sri Sankaracharya (Tamil) by C. Chengalroyan. 4-20 Kolattam.

Madras—II Programme

TRANSMISSION I

25.28 metres (11,870 kc/s)

2-0 to 2-30 p. m. As in Madras 1.

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

5-0 p.m Subbaratna Bhagavatar. 6-0 'Parikshettu Jananam' 6-15 Marketing Eggs (Telugu). 6-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Symphony Concert. 10-3 Recorded Interlude (Contd.) 10-16 Symphony Concert. 10-45 Epilogue.

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

5-0 p.m. T. M. Manikka Bagavathar: Vocal. 5-45 A. I. R. Carnatic Orchestra. 6-0 Shrimatis Lakshmi and Kamala: Vocal. 6-30 Madras Radio Theatre presents Anbin Sikharam. 7-15 Why Marriage? (Tamil) by L. Krishnaswami Bharati. 7-30 C. Parthasarathy Naicker: Vocal (Tamil Melodies). 8-0 Shrimati K S. Pattammal: Vocal. 8-30 A. S. Chandrasekhariah: Veena. 9-15 Sports. By A. A. MacDowell. 9-30 A. S. Chandrasekhariah: Veena.

Peshawar Programme

200 metres (1,500 kc/s)

5-0 p.m. With Villagers. 6-0 Instrumental Interludes. 6-10 Ishrat Jahan. 6-30 Habibullah Kabuli. 6-50 Khyber Radio Orchestra: Nautch Gat. 7-0 Ishrat Jahan. 7-20 Habibullah Kabuli. 7-40 Ishrat Jahan. 8-0 Indian Music. 8-5 Shah-I-Jahan. 8-55 Habibullah Kabuli. 9-45 Literature and life. 10-0 For film fans: (vocal) by Mrs. Dulcie Thripp.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Roshan Lal Bhatnagar (Amateur). 6-30 For Countryside. 7-15 Abdul Azeez Khan. 7-35 Shamshad Begam. 7-45 Poets (Hindustani) by Abdul Majid Salik. 8-0 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 8-10 Shamshad Begam. 8-30 Wali. (Hindustani). 9-0 Vichitra Veena. Recital. 9-45 Dance Music. 9-50 Sirf Kanon ke lie (Hindustani) by Syed Imtiaz Ali Taj. 10-10 Air Voice Orchestra. 10-15 Shamshad Begam. 10-40 Vichitra Veena recital.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. Rashid Ahmed Khan of Cawnpore, 5-55 Jameelabai, 6-15 For Children, 6-45 Kumar, 7-15 Records, 7-45 Rashid Ahmed Khan 8-5 Jameelabai, 8-30 Ghaslaran, 8-55 Kumar, 9-45 Rashid Ahmed Khan, 10-0 Jameelabai, 10-20 Khushi (Hindustani) by Syed Imtiaz Ali Taj.

B. B. C. Programme

7-30 p.m. Philip Whiteway Ensemble, 8-0 'Calling the Tune', 8-30 B B C Empire Orchestra, 9-30 News 9-50 Rhythm Classics, 10-10 World Affairs. by J. L. Brierly.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Jan. 17.

The following are the maximum-minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max.	Temperature Min.	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total Since 1st Nov.	Difference to Normal
Agra	74	42	—	—	—0.7
Amraoti	79	59	—	—	—1.3
Akola	88	61	—	—	—1.4
Ahmedabad	90	61	—	—	—0.2
Ahmednagar	84	56	—	—	—1.2
Ambala	74	44	—	—	—1.8
Allahabad	76	47	—	—	—1.0
Benares	76	46	—	0.1	—0.7
BOMBAY	85	72	—	1.1	+0.6
Bangalore	77	55	—	0.7	—2.9
Baroda	91	53	—	—	—
Belgaum	83	60	—	1.1	—1.0
Bijapur	84	60	—	0.1	—1.3
Bhavnagar	88	55	—	—	—0.3
Calcutta	82	53	—	0.1	—0.8
Cawnpore	79	47	—	—	—0.9
Calicut	89	69	—	1.5	—5.3
Colombo	86	72	—	14.2	—5.2
Cochin	89	71	—	6.7	—2.0
Delhi	73	43	—	—	—0.9
Hyderabad (Dn.)	83	51	—	—	—1.4
Hyderabad (Sd.)	77	54	—	—	—0.2
Indore	84	53	—	—	—0.8
Jhansi	78	47	—	—	—0.7
Jubbulpore	85	53	—	—	—1.3
Jaipur	75	51	—	—	—0.5
Karwar	91	61	—	1.8	—0.4
Karachi	79	61	—	0.2	—0.2
Khandwa	90	62	—	—	—1.0
Lucknow	77	47	—	—	—0.7
Lahore	71	39	—	—	—0.9
Multan	72	45	—	—	—0.4
Mysore	80	57	—	1.0	—2.0
Madras	83	66	—	3.2	—17.7
Marmagoa	86	69	—	1.0	—
Malegaon	88	62	—	0.1	—0.8
Mangalore	90	67	—	2.1	—1.6
Mercara	73	54	—	2.2	—1.8
Nagpur	86	54	—	—	—1.5
Patna	75	48	—	—	—0.5
Peshawar	67	38	—	1.0	—0.4
Poona	87	58	—	0.3	—0.9
Rangoon	92	65	—	10.1	+6.8
Ratnagiri	88	70	—	2.9	+1.9
Rajkot	85	51	—	—	—0.3
Sholapur	86	58	—	—	—1.6
Surat	93	62	—	—	—0.3
Trichinopoly	83	67	—	4.3	—4.3

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 Cents.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 17-1-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.003 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 76.0 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 68.7 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 85.4 degrees 2.5 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 72.3 degrees 5.8 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 68 per cent

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 3 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 130 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 19 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq 10) 6

FFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 17-1-39

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 78.2 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.15 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.96 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION MEETING IN GIRGAUM

"Every candidate put up on behalf of the Congress is bound by his word of honour to fulfil the promises that are made in the Municipal Election Manifesto and the public be rest assured that every one of these promises will be scrupulously kept by us". In these words Mr. Babrekar, one of the Congress candidates from D Ward cleared away all the doubts raised in the minds of the voters of that ward by the opposition propaganda. He made a convincing speech in the meeting held on Saturday night at Chunam Lane, Lamington Road. Dr. Rangnekar was in the chair and Com. M. R. Masani, Mr. Dahyabhai Patel the other Congress candidates were also present.

Com. V. B. Karnik in his opening speech explained to the audience why the citizens should support only the Congress candidates in the ensuing Municipal Elections. The Corporation as constituted at present is a body of vested interest with not much regard for the National spirit which has now become so dominant in our country. If the people of Bombay wished to inculcate that national spirit in the administration of the Bombay Corporation it was their bounden duty to vote for Congress which is the only organisation fighting for the freedom of our country. Moreover it was the work of the Congress ministry that the Municipal has been widened and a middle class citizen paying only Rs. 5, house rent has won the right to vote in the Municipal election. It is the duty of the voters to exercise their votes in favour of Congress and by giving a clear majority to the Congress strengthen their fight against British Imperialism.

Mr. Padbidri, dealt with the same point at length and told the audience not to consider the Congress candidates as single isolated individuals but as the soldiers of a disciplined army who are going to fight the struggle of the poor citizens of Bombay on the Corporation floor.

GOVERNOR VISITS JAIN HIGH SCHOOL

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H. E. Sir Roger Lumley, paid a visit to the Babu Panalal Pooranchand Jain High School at Pydhoni on Tuesday evening.

The Governor was received by Babu Bhagwanlal Panalal, Managing Trustee of Babu Panalal Charities and introduced to the co-trustees, and Mr. D. A. Telang, the Principal of the High School. The trustees and the principal then took the Governor round the different classes. The laboratory and museum of the school as well as handicraft classes where the boys gave demonstrations were seen with keen interest. Two name plates of H. E. Sir Roger Lumley and Lady Lumley were made on the spot by the boys and presented to the Governor.

Babu Bhagwanlal Panalal in welcoming the Governor gave a brief history of the institution which was started by the munificence of the late Babu Panalal to the extent of Rs. 8 lacs in 1898 for the benefit of Jain and non-Jain boys. No fees were charged and nearly 700 boys were given free tuition in a five storeyed building which has cost Rs. 2,50,000. The efficiency of the school can be measured by the fact that out of 30 boys sent for matriculation examination last year, 29 passed and the Educational Department had put the high school in "A" grade. Babu Bhagwanlal paid tributes to Mr. D. A. Telang, the principal of the school ever since it was started and the staff who were all highly qualified and trained.

The Governor expressed his great satisfaction at what he saw in the school especially as 700 students were taught free. He wished the students success and the school prosperity in the future

APPEAL TO G. I. P. LOCAL PASSENGERS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Passengers' and Traffic Relief Association has viewed with grave concern the recent incidents of pulling the alarm chains to stop the trains on the G. I. P. Railway. This Association, as well as some other Suburban Associations have already represented the grievances of the travelling public arising out of this drastic reduction of trains on the G. I. P. Railway Suburban Section, and therefore, they are surprised to find the statement made by the G. I. P. Railway that they have not received complaints regarding inconvenience caused to the travelling public by this curtailment of service.

The Committee of the Association has appointed a Special Committee consisting of the following gentlemen to further examine the question and receive suggestions from the travelling public and further discuss this question with the Railway authorities with a view to get redressed the grievances which have been the cause of the demonstrations during the last week.

This Association therefore request the travelling public and Public Bodies concerned to send their suggestions and complaints to this Committee, so as to enable them to take up the matter with the Railway Authorities. This Association assures the public that they will do their best to get the grievances redressed.

Meanwhile, they appeal to the travelling public not to resort to means of pulling the alarm chains on trains and cause inconvenience to a large number of the travelling public both on the suburban and main sections of the G. I. P. Railway.

The members of the Special Committee are:—

Mr. Behram N. Karanjia; Khan Bahadur P. E. Ghamat; Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji; Mr. Mohanlal A. Parikh; Mr. Dhirajlal C. Mody; Mr. Bhavanji Arjun Khimji; Mr. Anandji Kanji; Mr. G. H. Kale; Mr. K. Vithalrao and Mr. Khimji G. Khona and Messrs. P. E. Ghamat and Mohanlal A. Parikh Jt. Hon. Secretaries.

BALL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT.

In the Non-Medalist Ball Badminton Tournament conducted by the Excelsior Team, Matunga, G. S. Mani and K. S. Krishnamurthy of Hindu Gymkhana "A" defeated Krishnamurthy and Balu in two straight games. The match was played on Tuesday morning.

Score 29—19, 29—11.

VICTORY FOR COMBINED TEAMS

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, January 17.

After sensational cricket, C.C.I. lost to the combined teams by 39 runs. Credit goes to C. S. who annexed the first seven wickets and was always on the top of batsmen.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE JAPANESE

Prof. Godbole On Their Scientific Progress

"Japan does not encourage the consumption of any foreign goods; gold cannot be exported, cotton cannot be imported, unless the importer shows that he can export the finished product."

"No religious instruction is given to the Japanese child—instead he is taught "morals", of the type that it is heroic to commit suicide for Japan."

"One of the evils of Industrial Japan, is the problem of girls being sold for a few years into virtual slavery, to the owners or Mills and factories by the girl's parents and guardians."

"There is no moral odium attached to the life of a "Geisha" in Japan. Before marriage she can ply her profession and earn a dowry by selling her body to anyone" observed Dr. N. N. Godbole speaking about the darker side of Japan, in his second lecture at the Royal Institute of Science, on Tuesday evening.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

He elaborated upon the efficiency of Forest research, Food research, and Chemical and Physical research departments. He said that the Forest research department, had indexed, catalogued and analysed every available Forest commodity of Japan, and the information was immediately available to any one in Japan without any cost. The Food research department has solved the problem of food for Japan's growing population, by evolving a balanced diet at less than five pice per meal. The Chemical and Physical research department, studied exhaustively, every mineral and chemical resource available in Japan, for the use of the industrialist as well as the individual worker.

The technical education imparted in Japan, was highly practical, for the student used his hands as well as his brain continuously, with the result that as soon as he graduated he was a finished workman. There was no question of such a person being unemployed for even before he left school, he was offered employment in a munition factory, which at present is working overtime on account of the China war.

Referring to Japanese shipping, he remarked, that its success was largely responsible to state subsidy, which was bigger than any coutnries in the world.

The Japanese had solved the problem of street lighting in their own way, by compelling every house owner to keep an electric light at his door. The house owner paid for it, though the Municipal bodies controlled it.

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INDIAN GYM. TENNIS TOURNEY

(From A Correspondent.)

MATUNGA, Tuesday.

In the Indian Gymkhana Tennis Tournament (Mens Singles and Doubles) at Matunga the following matches were played during the week-end.

Mens Singles:—

T. R. Srinivas beat B. J. Luthria 6—0, 6—4.

Rao Sahib C. P. S. Menon beat M. B. Rao 6—2, 6—1.

B. J. Luthria beat P. Jambunathan 6—4, 2—6, 6—3.

R. Subraman beat C. Nanjundiah 7—5, 3—6, 6—1.

Nagabhushanam beat T. K. Shanghani 6—0, 6—2.

R. Subramaniam beat V. Krishnan 6—3, 5—7, 6—4.

K. Rajagopal beat R. Subramaniam 6—1, 6—4.

R. K. Shanghani beat S. N. Iyer 6—1, 6—1.

Rao Sahib C. O. S. Menon beat K. Varma 6—3, 6—4.

Mens Doubles:—

C. Nanjundiah and B. M. Rao beat K. Y. Sundararaman and P. A. Ganapathy 11—9, 6—0.

Nagabhushanam and P. R. Subramaniam beat Dr Shanghani and T. R. Srinivas 6—3, 6—3.

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To-day

Hindu: Posh Vad 13, 1995
Muslim: Jiltad 26, 1357
Parsi: Amardad 15, 1308
Hightide: 10-40; 23-44
Lowtide: 5-16; 16-43
Sunrise: 7h. 15m.
Sunset: 6h. 24m.

Rent Inquiry Committee, Council Hall, 1 p.m.
Municipal Standing Committee, 4-10 p.m.
Schools Committee, 4-40 p.m.
University of Bombay: Dr. N. N. Godbole's lecture, Royal Institute of Science, 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 19.

Municipal Corporation 3-40 p.m.
S. S. "Ranpura" with mails from London of January 5 due at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 21.

S. S. "Chitral" with mails for London sails at 1 p.m.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The O. S. K. Steamer "Ryuun Maru" left Singapore on January 15 and is due to arrive in Bombay on January 27 via Colombo and Mormugao.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Prof. M. R. Parakh will not take his class in French at the University, South Wing to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m. other classes for the day will be held as usual.

HINDU VIEW OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Under the auspices of the Hindu Election Board, there will be a public meeting at Govalia Tank's Maidan today (Wednesday), at 4-30 p.m. where lectures will be delivered on "Coming Municipal Election".

LADIES PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting will be held under the Presidentship of Shreemati Krishnadebi to-day (Wednesday), at 3 p.m. at Hirabaug Hall. Among the speakers will include Shreeman Seth Jamnalal Bajaj and Shreemati Jankidebi Bajaj. They will speak on the present situation of Jaipur

MR. MAHOMEDBHOY ROWJEE'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. Mahomedbhoy R. M. Rowjee, ex-Sheriff of Bombay is standing for the forth-coming Municipal election from 'B' Ward, Second Division comprising Umerkhadi and Dongree. He is a sitting member of the Corporation for the past several years.

N. C. RAO'S TAILORING COLLEGE

The names of the students who have passed the examination of the Committee of Direction for Technical Education are given below:—

First Class:—D. R. Rao, Miss P. Taraporewalla, G. S. Shalgar, S. P. Damania, Anton P. Atait, M. S. Khot, B. A. Zaiwalla, D. R. Satarkar, and A. R. Patil.

Second Class:—C. M. Shah, S. G. Rathod, and D. N. Golikeri

SIRUR INTER-COLLEGIATE TROPHY

The D. N. Sirur Inter-Collegiate Trophy Debate will be held in the University Convocation Hall to-day (Wednesday), at 5-30 p.m., when Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, Vice-Chancellor University of Bombay will preside.

The subject of the Debate is 'That democracy is the only suitable form of Government for human welfare.'

The Debate is open to the members of the staff and students of University Departments and Colleges.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Mysterious Mr. Moto". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"My Son". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Duniya-Kya-Hai". Daily at 4-30, 7-30 and 10 p.m
EROS—"If I were King". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Hard to Get". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
GLOBE—"The Secret of a Treasure Island". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Zamana" Daily at 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Divorce" Daily at 5-15, 7-45 and 10-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Flying Ranee". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bramhachari". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m
METRO—"The Great Waltz". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"The Street Singer". Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"A Royal Divorce". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Industrial India". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Cracker Jack". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Gopal Krishna". Time as usual.
REGAL—"Straight, Place and Show". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bhabi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
SUPER TALKIES—"Mr X". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Bazigar". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

MR. NURIE'S LECTURE AT NAGPADA HOUSE

The Hon. Mr. M. Y. Nurie will deliver a public lecture on "Public works-an asset" at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House at 6-30 p.m. today.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A question and answer meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday) evening at 6-15 at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain. All questions are welcome and all are cordially invited.

SANSKRIT SHIKSHAN MANDIR

Under the auspices of the Sanskrit Shikshan Mandir a lecture on Ancient Poets will be delivered by Sjt. Ambalal Jani to-day (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m. in the Fellowship School Assembly Hall.

ASTHIK SAMAJ

Under the auspices of the Asthik Samaj, Matunga, Sri Y. P. Vasudevan Namboodri will conduct a series of discourses on Shrimad Bhagavatam daily between 8-30 and 10-30 p.m. commencing from the 18th inst. in the Samaj Hall.

ELECTION MEETING AT CARPENTER STREET

Under the auspices of Kumbharwada Kharatalav Congress Municipal Election propaganda Committee, a public meeting will be held at 1st Carpenter St., to-day (Wednesday), at 9 p.m. Mr. Umashankar Dixit will preside.

FIFTH INDIAN INDUSTRIES FAIR

The Fifth Indian Industries Fair will be held from March 16 to April 16, 1939 at Azad (Esplanade) Maidan, Bombay. This Fair will be representative of all India industries and its scope of representation also will be enlarged. Preparation for making it a premier Industrial Fair in India are now being completed.

VURJEEVANDASS DISPENSARY

The Vurjeevandass Madowdass Charitable Dispensary at Sion: During the month of December 1938 the total number of patients treated in this Dispensary was 705 among them the number of new admissions was 172 being classified as stated below. Hindoos 133, Musulmans 18, Parsees nil, Christians 21 and other class nil. The average daily attendance was 27.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

The Hon'ble Sir Guthrie Russell lunched at Government House on Tuesday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a Cocktail Party at Government House on Tuesday.

The Governor of Bombay visited the Babu Pannalal Jain High School on Tuesday.

NAGINDAS THANKS VOTERS

Mr. Nagindas T. Master writes:—I most sincerely thank the primary members of the Bhuleshwar (C) Ward for their support to my candidature in the election of delegates to the Tripuri Session of the Indian National Congress. I acknowledge with thanks that my success is due solely to the good-will and support of those who voted for me.

THANKS TO 'F' WARD CONGRESSMEN

Mr. C. K. Narayanswami writes:—I am extremely grateful to all Congress workers and primary members of the Congress in 'F' Ward (Matunga and Parel) who contributed to my success in the last Congress delegates election. I am indebted to them beyond measure. I only wish that I will deserve the confidence they have reposed in me.

JOGESHWARI RANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION

The Jogeshwari English School of Saraswati Baug organised a successful exhibition of handicrafts during the Sankranti holidays which was opened at the hands of Prof. Bhadkamkar of Ismail College. The small comic theatre prepared by an ex-student provided plenty of amusement to the visitors. The Taj-Mahal out of small pieces of chalk and the aeroplane were also attractive exhibits. The embroidery work, the paintings, the drawings were of unexpected skilfulness. Girls took more prominent part than boys.

Congress Candidates From Ward No. 8

(KHETWADI AND TARDEO)

Mr. Dahyabhai Vallabhbhai Patel

Mr. Dahyabhai Vallabhai Patel, son of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is a graduate of the Gujarat Vidyapith. In response to the Congress call he non-co-operated in 1921 and gave up his college. He had his early training under his great uncle Mr. Vithalbhai Patel. He has been connected with the Insurance business and is known to a wide circle. He has all along been taking very active part in all Congress activities of the city.

Mr. Ramchandra Sakharam Vagh

Mr. Ramchandra Vagh is one of the five Congress Candidates set up by the Congress in the ensuing Municipal Elections from the Khetwadi Tardeo division of the "D" ward. Mr. Vagh is an influential member of the Lad Vanjari Community and connected with many a social institution. He takes a keen interest in the co-operative movement and is a member of the Lad Vanjari Co-operative Society. Mr. Vagh is an active Congressman.

Mr. M. R. Masani

Mr. Minoo Masani is a name known to every youth in the city and the presidency. A young, Parsee Barrister, he has given up a career at the Bar for the sake of public service. He joined the national movement in 1932 and courted imprisonment. Since then he has been completely in politics. He is known all over India as the organiser of the socialist party and as its secretary. He is an enthusiastic public worker and a sitting member of the Corporation, in the work of which he takes very keen interest. His father Mr. R. P. Masani is known to the City as a very competent Municipal Commissioner. Young Masani is a member of the B.P.C.C. since 1934.

Mr. Dattatraya Sakharam Babrekar

Mr. D. S. Babrekar is a Police Court lawyer of a long standing. His educational work as the Secretary, The Aryan Education Society is too well-known to be mentioned. He has been closely associated with national activities since 1920. Mr. Babrekar courted jail both in 1930 and 1932. He was elected to the Municipality in 1933 and again in 1935. He has been a member of the Schools Committee in the last four years and as such has gained considerable experience of civic affairs. Mr. Babrekar is very popular in his constituency and if returned to the Corporation, he is sure to be very serviceable.

Mr. Nanubhai Vasanji Desai

Mr. Nanubhai Desai is an old Congress worker and has been an ardent supporter of all Congress activities for many years. He took very active part in the Volunteer Relief work and Prabhat Pheries during the Satyagraha campaign. His services to the cause of the Congress are well-known.

He has been closely associated with the civic, social and political life of the City, and his connection with some of the social institutions of our city and outside are well-known. He is an enthusiastic social worker and is connected with the Din Daya Sangh Foundling Home at Matunga, of which he is an active member of the Managing Committee, with the Ayurvedic Aushadhalaya Mandals and Physical culture activities.

ELECTION MEETING AT ZAOBA'S WADI

A public meeting was held at Zaoba Wadi, Thakurdwar on Tuesday night under the auspices of the "C" Ward Congress Municipal Election Propaganda Committee. Mr. Yeshwant Parulekar presided.

He appealed to the voters of the Ward to vote for Congress candidates in the forthcoming Municipal elections as the Congress stood for the civic welfare of the masses.

Mr. Ganpati Shankar Desai, who spoke next, said that for the first time Congress had set up candidates for the Bombay Municipality. The Congress stood for the people. So far the Corporation had been dominated by people who did not care for the good of the common people.

They should support the Congress candidates, as they were nominees of an institution, which had a record of service and sacrifice. There were attempts at obstructing the progress of the meeting which was consequently dissolved.

Dance At Capitol In Aid Of Bengal Flood Relief

(From A Correspondent)

The Capitol on Tuesday evening was the scene of a festival of Indian dance and song and the audience who attended in the good cause of charity—in aid of the Bengal Flood Relief Fund—were treated to a beautiful display of Terpischorean talent, by Kumaris Leela Row, Mira Devi and Romilla Shroff all of whom danced gracefully through a long and enjoyable programme. Miss Row who excelled herself in her "Kalia Mardan" Kathak was equally at home in her role of sad mother in Pandita Kshama Row's one-act play, 'A Moment's Lapse' with which the proceedings began.

Mira Devi's rendering of the 'Awakening of Siva' also deserves mention. Miss Sheela Pandit contributed the melody of her songs.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master presided in the absence of Mr. Subash Bose the Congress President.

VIVEKANAND ANNIVERSARY AT KHAR

The second day celebration in connection with the Vivekanand Birthday anniversary was celebrated at Khar on Sunday. The programme began with vedic chants, Kirtans and devotional music by Mr. G. Ghosh and party. These were followed by discourses on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekanand. Among the speakers were Prof. Kashmirasingh, Principal of the Khalsa college, Shri J. K. Mehta, Shri S. R. Vakil, Swami Gunateetanand and Mrs. Sarala Bannerji. The speakers paid their tribute to the Great saint and exhorted the audience to take to heart the inspiring message of Swami Vivekanand. This was followed by a free feeding of the poor in which the children of the Byramjee Jeejibhoy orphanage of Matunga took part. In the evening there were Kirtans in Marathi by the well-known Kavishwar Buva, which were much appreciated by the audience.

KONKANI CATHOLIC SANGATI MANDAL

An extraordinary general meeting of the Mandal was held on 15th January and passed the following resolution. "This extraordinary general meeting of the Konkani Catholic Sangati Mandal fully supports the candidature of the Congress candidates for the ensuing Municipal Elections and further requests the members who are Municipal voters to vote only in favour of the Congress."

ELECTION MEETING AT FORAS ROAD

Under the auspices of the Girgaum District Congress Municipal Election Committee, a public meeting will be held at B.I.T. Trust Cement Chawls, Foras Road to-day (Wednesday), at 9 p.m.

Sjt. Mansingrao Jagtap will preside and Messrs. S. K. Patil, S. L. Silam, V. B. Karnik, B. L. Sarang, Balasaheb Mhatre and others will speak.

The Congress candidates from Khetwadi, Tardeo division viz. Messrs. Dayabhai Patel, D. S. Babrekar, M. R. Masani, Nanubhai Desai and Ramchandra Wagh will be present at the meeting.

SANTA CRUZ CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Sunday the 15th instant was the last day for receiving nominations for the New Managing Committee, of the Santa Cruz Congress Committee. As only 15 nominations have been received, they are all declared elected without contest. Their names are as under:—

Sjts. Amritlal Chhaganlal Kuvadia, Kunvarji Lalji Shah (Vakola), Chandulal Sarabhai Modi, Chandulal Ishvarlal Shah, Chhaganlal Vanmali Yogi, Chhabildas Jamnadas Papaiya, Dahiben Desai, Dattariya Mangesh Nagarkar, Pramoda Gosalia, Yogendra Gabanram Mehta, Ratanben Ishvarlal Damania, Ratnabai K. Hattangadi, Vithalrai Manilal Vyas, S. U. Ramchandrarao, Harilal Nathubhai Desai, and Gangaben Patel (Ex-Officio).

BOMBAY COUNCIL

Will Meet In Bombay On Feb. 16.

A Bombay Government Gazette extraordinary published on Tuesday states:—

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 62 of the Government of India Act, 1935, the Governor of Bombay is hereby pleased to summon the Bombay Legislative Council to meet at the Council Hall, Bombay, at 2 p. m. on Thursday, the 16th February 1939.

Daily Weather Report

POONA, Jan. 17.

The Western disturbance has caused a few showers in east Mekran and cloud and a rise of temperature in Baluchistan. Jiwani reporting one inch.

Forecast until the evening of eighteen:—Local rain or snow in Baluchistan. A few showers in Sind and the North-West Frontier Province.—A. P.

FATAL FALL

The Bombay Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of accidental death at the inquest on Nagindas Kalidas (30) a bill collector, who died of injuries yesterday, due to a fall from the terrace on the fifth-floor of a house at Nawl Wadi off Girgaum.

Social Workers' Activities

TO-DAY'S MEETING TO CONSIDER HOUSING AND SANITATION.

Under the joint auspices of the Social Workers' Society, Bombay Sanitary Association, Tenants' Central Committee and Award Tenants' League, a public meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 6-30 p.m. at Blavatsky Hall, to pass resolutions on Housing and Sanitation of the city. Mr. N. M. Joshi, M. L. A., will preside, and Dr. Mrs. Sukhtankar, Messrs. K. F. Nariman, Jamnadas Mehta, S. C. Joshi, Indulal Yagnik and others will speak.

GRANT MEDICAL WIN ELOCUTION TROPHY

The 1st Inter-collegiate Muslim Students Elocution Competition for the Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola Trophy was held in the St. Xavier's Hall, under the presidentship of the Hon. Mr. M. Y. Nurie, Minister for Public Works.

Five students representing various colleges in Bombay participated in the competition and spoke on a variety of important subjects as Gandhiji's cult of non-violence, English as the 'Lingua Franca' of India and westernisation of Indian women.

The Hon. Mr. Nurie in his presidential speech, congratulated the donor of the trophy and observed that the art of public speaking was one of the most important things in a democratic country. He exhorted the Muslim students to maintain the tradition of the Arabs who were considered as the best speakers. He also asked them not to isolate themselves from other communities and to prove, by their efforts and merit that they could achieve high status in the debating art in healthy competition with other communities.

The judges Rev. Fr. Duhr and Mr. K. A. Abbas declared the Grand Medical College as the winner of the Trophy this year and decided the 1st, 2nd and 3rd individual prizes to be given to Mr. Habib, Mr. T. Doctor and Mr. Zarnegar respectively.

Ismailia Co-operative Bank

The Directors and Members of The Ismailia Co-operative Bank Ltd., presented addresses to Khan Sahib A. H. J. Merchant and Mr. F. I. Rahimtulla, eulogising their services to the Khoja Community and to the Bank, at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Sultan M. Chinoy Mayor of Bombay, presided.

Among the distinguished gathering were, H. H. the Aga Khan Mr. M. I. Rowjee, Mr. Ali Mohamed Maclai and Lady Currimbhoy.

POSTAL NOTICE

As the East Gulf Mail Steamer s.s. "Varela" is now due to sail on 19-1-39 after the arrival of English Mail Steamer s.s. "Ranpura" which is expected to arrive in Bombay on 19-1-39 at 7-0 p.m., the following will be the latest hour of posting of correspondence and parcels at the Bombay G.P.O. for the offices in Iraq, Iran and Persian Gulf.

Unregd. correspondence upto 6-30 p.m. on 19-1-39.

Registered correspondence upto 5-0 p.m. on 19-1-39.

Parcels correspondence upto 3-0 p.m. on 19-1-39.

The latest hour of posting in the Town Sub-Offices will be notified by those offices, and it will be so regulated as to ensure the receipt of the postings in the Bombay G.P.O. in time to be included in the last despatch from that office.

METRO
DAILY AT 3:30 - 6:30 - 10 P.M.
TELEPHONE 31045
LAST 2 DAYS!
M-G-M MUSICAL ROMANTIC TRIUMPH!
THE GREAT WALTZ
LUISE FERNAND MILIZA
RAINER · GRAVET · KORJUS
HUGH HERBERT
LIONEL ATWILL
Directed by Julien Duvivier
FRIDAY:—
"LOVE FINDS ANDY HARDY"
with
MICKEY ROONEY
LEWIS STONE
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.

STAR FLASHES

by CHARLES BRUNO

LEON AMES
IMPERSONATING NAPOLEON III IN "SUEZ", IS ALLOWED ONLY TWO MEDALS... WHEREAS THE REAL EMPEROR SPORTED 23!
THE STUDIO FEARED THAT SO MANY ON ONE CHEST WOULD APPEAR RIDICULOUS.
20 YEARS AGO IN "LONESOME LUKE" COMEDIES HAROLD LLOYD TRIED ON GLASSES WORN BY EARL MOHAN, A FELLOW ACTOR. HE LIKED THE EFFECT SO WELL HE ADOPTED THEM AS PART OF HIS MAKE-UP.
CHAS. DE RAVENNE IS THE ONLY GENUINE ARTIST IN THE CAST OF "ARTISTS and MODELS" ..... AND HE PLAYS THE PART OF A BUTCHER BOY!
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THE COTTON GROWER'S PLIGHT

The interview which a special representative of the "Chronicle" had with Mr. E. J. Schwabach, the American cotton magnate, now in Bombay, and which was published in our columns yesterday will once more concentrate the attention of Bombay businessmen on the baffling problem of the cotton slump. The slump has affected India more disastrously than perhaps any other cotton-growing area in the world. The most distressing condition of the Indian cotton grower has at last roused public opinion all over the country and it appears certain that, if adequate measures are not taken in due course by the Government of India and Provincial Governments, they will be held responsible for the ruin of the growers. In the present season the total value of our cotton crop will be about Rs. 35 crores against Rs. 44 crores last season and Rs. 70 crores in 1936-37. It will be realised from these figures that the total value has fallen off by about 50 per cent. and this drastic reduction is bound to tell on the general economic condition of the country at large. India is the oldest cotton growing country and it produces second largest cotton crop in the world. It is one of the most important cash crops of the country and thereon depends the bread of tens of thousands of cotton growers of this country.

Government's Responsibility

America which produces the largest cotton crop is making strong efforts to keep up the price of cotton and in doing so, the American treasury has spent about 1000 million dollars. India has benefited to some extent by the measures adopted by the Washington administration. But as far as our own Government are concerned, we have to state plainly that they have never adopted any measure or real help to cotton-growers, and the small efforts made by the Indian Central Cotton Committee remain without any important result. Thus while Government have practically failed to do anything for the welfare of cotton growers, some of their measures have actually aggravated their helplessness. The most ruinous is the artificial Exchange ratio which has unduly appreciated the value of rupee by 12½ per cent. and to this extent the income of the Indian cotton growers has suffered. This 12½ per cent. in the course of eight years will amount to free donation of a year's product. There is a country-wide demand to lower this artificial exchange ratio but Government have obstinately turned down all requests, and now it must be said in unequivocal terms that over and above international causes, the Government of India are directly responsible for the ruin of cotton growers. Even small reliefs requested by the Cotton Association to lower railway and steamer freights are turned down. This shows how far Government are really interested in the welfare of the Indian cotton growers. During the last five years all over the world attempts have been made to help agriculturists with a view to save them from economic ruin. Financial Loans, export bounties, and inflation are resorted to to help commodity markets, but we find nothing to the credit of the Government beyond their usual lip sympathy. This is a most deplorable state and if Government's revenues suffer, they will have to thank themselves.

Lower The Ratio

It is high time that the interests of thousands of cotton growers were more justly safeguarded. The agricultural class as a whole is suffering and in spite of plenty of supplies and low prices they go half naked and half starved. Provincial Governments will have to exert all their influence over the Central Government to support all constructive measures, and the Government of India must lower the exchange ratio as a first proof of their goodwill towards millions of agriculturists. Further, if the Government of India were to compare their measures with those of the Washington administration towards cotton growers they will find they will have to do a great deal more to rehabilitate the ryot ruined by the ratio. India is essentially an agricultural country and the lamentably low returns now received for the produce constitute a problem worthy of H. E. the Viceroy's closest attention. His coming visit to the city must be availed of by the President of the East India Cotton Association to make an impressive representation to him as Bombay is the vital centre of the country's cotton trade and with its prosperity is closely connected the economic well-being of the Indian cotton growers.

France's Peril

The despatch of the Rome correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, the summary of which has been relayed from Berlin by *Reuter*, gives a direct clue to the precise nature and significance of the Rome talks when it emphasises the key position held by Spain in the Franco-Italian relations. The well-defined trend of all the news received during and after the British Premiers' 'exploratory' visit to Rome confirms the suggestion as authentically contained in Herr Rudolf Kircher's paper; and whether Georges Bonnet is allowed or not to seal the French frontier as a result of Chamberlain's friendly mediation *a la* Munich, the Duce's plan is clearly revealed. If France succumbs once again to this kind of British pressure it would be for her primarily an act of suicide so far as her security is concerned. A recent article elucidating the Nazi interpretation of *status quo* in the Mediterranean within the framework of the recent Paris agreement that Herr Kercher who is considered a 'moderate' in the Nazi camp published has created a sensation in French political circles and demonstrated the value of a broken rule of the agreement to which Ribbentrop—who is believed to have inspired and approved of the article—affixed his signature. The Duce, cheated of his dream of Warsaw-Budapest—Rome while he has practically been forced to help Hitler's Germany to get off with her gains and stabilise her strength at the cost of Italian interests, is determined not to allow the Spanish adventure come to an end that involves not only his prestige but also complete disaster for his well laid plans. For France, the situation is quite critical because, a Mussolini deeply involved in Spain where his men and material are detained is the less dangerous and easier to handle provided Great Britain, on one pretext or another, does not come to his help. A republican Spain, again, guards France's additional frontier and minimises the danger of a complete encirclement which has been approaching nearer with every victory of the Fascist International and the gradual retreat of democracy.

Revaluation Of The Gold Reserve In India

(By V. SITARAMIAH, M.A.)

Many countries (France, Belgium, the old Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Italy and the United States of America) have revalued the monetary gold reserve held by their Governments and Central Banks at the higher rates prevailing for gold and used the profits thereof for increasing Reserve Ratios, purchase or cancellation of Government Securities, expansion of the country's currency, building Exchange Stabilisation Funds and sometimes even for direct Government expenditure. In some instances where no formal revaluation was made—the difference between the old and new price of gold is held as 'Sundry Assets' in Central Bank Accounts. In others, as in France, the revaluation has been made twice over. But the United Kingdom and the 'Sterling Group' countries have not written up their stock. The United Kingdom may not need or care to do it. That is no reason why our gold stock should not be written up. (Even United Kingdom may do so soon).

Ours is a sterling standard country. Gold is held in the Reserves just to help maintain popular confidence in the currency. It is not required for securing the convertibility of our Notes. Nor is it needed for stabilizing the Rupee's external value, for it does not work in India's foreign trade which sterling reserves and sterling exchange cannot do. As long as the pound is good, the three-party agreements between the U.K., the U.S.A. and France keep on, and fifteen countries hold together in a 'Sterling bloc' the sterling connection will be as efficient a guarantee of external stability for the Rupee as anything can be.

Easing The Burden

Gold is not an earning Asset and at Rs. 44 crores at which it stands to-day it is more than the holding required by statute. Section 23 of the Reserve Bank of India Act deals with the assets of the Issue Department. It demands Rs. 40 crores of minimum gold Reserve, in value and makes no stipulation about quantity. But sub-section (4) demands that the gold in the Reserve shall be valued at 8.47512 fine grs. per rupee, i.e., at the old price of 85sh. per fine oz. while the price after 1934 has always been 140sh. and more for long periods at a stretch. On the day of writing it is actually above 145sh.

If the Governor-General of India can be moved to have this part of the provision in the Act, i.e., the sub-section (4) revised and the gold revalued at present prices or at least at 140sh. an oz. India will get the benefit of a large increment in value equal to at least rupees 30 crores. We take advantage of all rises in the price of goods and services in the market and Rs. 30 crores is not a small gain for India. It is as much as a whole third of our Central or Provincial Revenue or a third of the earning of our entire earning Railway system. It is almost equal to the bulk of the Government of India Rupee securities held in the Issue Department, or to the interest charges on almost the entire internal debt of the country. It is just a little less than half the deposits of our Joint Stock Banks, or of the Exchange Banks working in the country.

This money can ease the finances of the state and the burdens on the people. Our currency can be expanded to finance development; taxation may be relieved; so much public debt may be paid off; and the country which is in the toils of shrunk markets and slumped prices may be given a much-needed help. And all this gain accrues without disturbing any vested interests

Golden Opportunity

Governments strive to increase production, create employment and reflate prices and trade, they take up gold schemes of Debt conversion and freely borrow for financing public welfare schemes. The Government of India has been more than satisfied with balancing its budgets or with minor surpluses distributing small patronage here and there. Instead of planning reconstruction of our economic life and combating the effects of a heavy slump the Government of India, like any private employer, has, in the past, retrenched services, economised expenditure, and contracted cur-

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OUR LONDON LETTER

Revolt Against Chamberlain

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, January 6.

We have been through the Christmas of 1938 and the festivities which follow it on the eve of the New Year once more with a feeling of uncertainty about the future. The White Christmas, as it was described by the Press, owing to the mantle of snow which had covered the whole country proved only that it was a black Christmas in many homes of the unemployed where snow had brought right in the forefront their demands for increased winter relief without any success. But with the closing of the year 1938 there has been a certain amount of whooping up stories of increased prosperity and rosy prospects for 1939

On the New Year's day Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, did his best to be optimistic on the subject of trade. His interview in a Sunday paper reads like a clever essay in salesmanship. As a salesman is accustomed to say very little that is of interest, the British Chancellor has said very little in the course of that interview. The note of optimism, which he has struck, finds little support amongst the sales people. The Chancellor's arguments are interesting as a sign of the very difficult position which the champions of the Government policy have now got themselves into. It is the old story of "everything being for the best in the best of all possible worlds" and prosperity being just around one more corner. According to the Chancellor 1939 is going to see better trade all round. There is of course an unfortunate "recession" which started in 1937 and which has lasted through most of 1938 but now there are definite signs for the better. Instead of suggesting any plan to put the unemployed—men and women—back on work in South Wales and Scotland, Lancashire and Durham, or suggesting any plans for export orders he has shown great excitement about the United States. Someone has informed him that things are looking better in that country and that the American money-kings are beginning to cash in a bit. And so we are assured that as soon as the American big financiers begin to make profits, the British people will be able to find some pickings too.

Fall In Gold Reserve

However, the figures of the amount of gold held in this country which have been published during the week tell us a good deal even though they are three months out of date. They show that the gold held by the Exchange Equalisation Fund fell from nearly £300,000,000 on March 31 last to just over £150,000,000 on September 30 last—halved in six months. That is as far as the official figures go, but the City of London knows that, as the effects of Munich have become clearer in the three months that have passed since, the total has been halved again and now stands well below £75,000,000. The other side of the picture is given by the value of the pound sterling in dollars. At the beginning of 1938 the pound was worth 5.01 dollars and it closed on last Saturday at 4.64 3/8 dollars. The meaning of this is plain enough for anybody to understand what Mr. Chamberlain did at Munich.

More Unemployment

When the rich have been feasting at this time of the season the unemployed have been demonstrating in the streets of London, demanding winter relief and work. Early this week the Ministry of Labour announced further rise in the figures of unemployed and the Trade Union Congress sent a deputation to the Minister to urge on the Government increase of benefits to women, abolition of the "waiting" period, amendment of the Unemployed Insurance Acts of 1935 with a view to provide for payment of benefits for each day of proved unemployment. The General Council also urged the amendment of the law to provide that workers will not be deprived of benefit when a stoppage of work is caused through an employer contravening the terms or provisions of trade agreements.

Revolt In Conservative Party

Although the Prime Minister tried to cheer the country on the eve of the New Year by giving a message of hope for the coming days, in the ranks of his own Conservative Party, the "national" facade of his government is crumbling. The Conservative Party is growing uneasy at it sees the outposts of Empire handed over to Franco's Fascist backers. The City has been indignant at the unchecked assault of Japan upon Britain's trade in the East and the Prime Minister has been forced to give some pledges against new concessions in Rome. The restlessness in the rank and file of his party forced Mr. Chamberlain to threaten the "rebels" with an early election at the same time to implore them to rally to him in preparations for such a contest. Alarmed at the prospect of a "second Munich" in Rome his rebels have not only demanded that the Prime Minister will see M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister before reaching Rome but will pledge himself not to give any belligerent rights to Franco at the bidding of Mussolini. Mr. Chamberlain refused the demand of the rebels in his party which has been supported by the French democrats so long as he felt his followers would not make further move. However, the revolt in the Conservative Party reached a definite stage three days ago when the first step towards the establishment of what may be a new, broad democratic movement, based primarily on the youth of the country was taken at a meeting in Caxton Hall.

Wide Support

Prime movers in this important political development are Mr. Duncan Sandys, M.P., son-in-law of Mr. Winston Churchill, Captain Liddell-Hart, the famous military expert, and the Duchess of Atholl. Speeches of these Conservatives at the meeting show clearly that today the revolt in that Party is

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

NOT THE END YET

Those whose wish is father to the thought have been busy during the last few weeks in predicting an early end of the Spanish civil war, with the rebels—needless to add—complete masters of the country. It cannot be gainsaid that thanks to fresh help in men and machines from Italy in spite of the profession of non-intervention, Gen. Franco has been able to launch a fierce offensive. Two thousand square miles of territory are said to have been overrun by him, Tarragona and Reus has fallen into his hands and Barcelona itself is in danger. The situation from the Government's point of view is thus grave enough but one need not be unduly pessimistic about the latest turn of events. The morale of the Republicans is as firm as ever and they are determined to defend their freedom to the last man. The Spanish Embassy in London has issued a timely warning that "once again those who think that war is drawing to its close will be proved to be mistaken". In fact, the Government armies have already launched an offensive in another sector and the Christmas campaign of the rebels may well prove the last shot in their bolt. In any case the end of the war is yet remote

THE OBVIOUS CHOICE

The General Secretary of the Indian National Congress has announced that three names have been duly proposed for the Presidentship of the 52nd session of the Congress. The constitution allows the withdrawal of his nomination by the party concerned within ten days of the last date fixed for receiving the proposals. It has been a tradition all these years that the nation's Tribune should be elected without a contest and it is to be hoped that this graceful tradition will not be departed from this year. Among the three persons nominated—Babu Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,—the last-named appears to us to be the obvious choice, not only on account of his seniority and service, but mainly because his being at the helm of the nation will be immensely helpful in solving the communal issue, which is now most urgent and also of supreme importance. Moulana Azad's passion for communal brotherhood is only next to his devotion to Congress. It is thus not too much to hope that during his presidentship he will be able to convince his coreligionists that their interests—as those of all other minorities—will be nowhere more safe than in the hands of the Congress. The very fact that the leaders of the Muslim League hold the saintly Moulana Saheb—of all people—as their *bete noire*. No. I is extremely significant. We fervently hope the Maulana will be elected unopposed to the Congress "Gadi."

ARABS INDICT BRITAIN

An unanswerable indictment of Britain's Palestine policy is contained in the cable sent by the President of Arab Palestine Committee, Cairo, to the British Government. Addressing their allies of the Great War, they rightly complain that "the British Government not only betrayed the Arabs but divided their territories, separated Palestine from Syria and proceeded to drive away Arabs from the country which belongs to them in order to give it by force to the Jews." They demand an immediate end to the atrocities in Palestine where Arabs are being condemned to death for the sole reason of possessing arms. The Arab conference which is now meeting in London will have to consider this indictment and to declare how far Britain's imperialist policy is responsible for Palestine's present ills. It is a pity that the Mufti, the accredited leader of the Palestine Arabs, has not been invited to the conference but it is satisfactory to note that eight members of the former Arab Higher Committee will attend on his behalf.

SAFE UNDER CONGRESS

It was patently sensible advice that Sir Wazir Hasan gave to the Muslims of Jubbulpore when he told them that the Congress was the only organization in the country which could solve all social, political, economic and communal problems. The criticism of the Federal scheme of the India Act, coming from such an eminent jurist, merits special attention. This scheme, he said, could only lead to a split among Indians. Referring to the communal troubles he gave an assurance on behalf of the Congress that the interests of the minorities were safe in its hands. We are glad a Muslim of the position of Sir Wazir Hasan has publicly declared his faith in the impartiality of the Congress and we are sure the impartial treatment of all communities by Congress Ministries will finally remove all apprehensions in the minds of the minorities.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The wedding tour is often the calm before the storm.

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The secret a woman is compelled to keep is untold agony.

✦ ✦ ✦

Some men overwork themselves trying to live without work.

✦ ✦ ✦

A brainless man is about as useless as a trainless railroad.

✦ ✦ ✦

The smile or frown you see on the face of the world is the reflection of your own.

✦ ✦ ✦

Many a Sunday church-going man shoots the chutes of forgetfulness the following Monday.

Mr. Ormerod of the W.I.A.A. thinks the motorists will have soon to take to the air.

Not the AIR, by any chance, is it?

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But Mr. Ormerod is very much in the air if he imagines that the motorists could race in the air and set up their electric-horn racket without let or hindrance (as the passport says)

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Subject to correction by the better-informed experts of the W.I.A.A. we venture to think that there's some department which chaperones even the "maccadam pastures new" of the air.

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"But", "Pertinax" asked recently in his "L'Europe Nouvelle", "after Munich, will the simple affirmation of Franco-British solidarity safeguard peace"?

A 'pertinent' question, but studiously impertinent to the supervising architect of Munich.

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The British police must arrest and lock up the fellow who has had the audacity to doubt the good intentions of Munich.

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When Neville Chamberlain quoted on the morning of 29th September:

"Out of that nettle, Danger we pluck this flower, Safety."

did he know the context of the phrase?

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"L'Europe Nouville" cites the passage in Henry IV. act II. scene III:

The purpose you undertake is dangerous, the friends you have named uncertain, the time itself unsorted; and your plot too light for the counterpoise of so great an opposition.

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Nothing thrills the Englishmen more than to apply the Shakespearean phrase to presentday events. The French journal explains to us and it proceeds to surmise that poor Neville rather took the discreet hint of his friend's without suspecting its real significance.

Prophetic irony!

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This journal also tells the story of the Rome-Berlin Axis maker, Von Hassett. This diplomat made an unfavourable report later on the military value of Italian contingents, which report was made known to the Duce who was duly "appeased".

He was recalled, disgraced, ruined. His mansion was acquired for building a national park and no indemnity paid for it. He has an unmarried girl....

Stuff of which Shakespearean tragedy is made—Cardinal Wolsey's, for instance.

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"Fortunately for Italy, it looks as though the Spanish problem will solve itself before the question of belligerent rights for General Franco becomes embarrassingly pressing. If Barcelona falls, the Republicans will be on their last legs."

—Thus, our local Anglo-Indian contemporary, in a leader on 'After Rome.'

The wish, of course, is very much of a father to this thought.

Isn't it a pity the Republicans seem determined to disappoint Il Duce—and Anglo-India?

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A TEA-TIME THOUGHT

"For millions of human beings civilisation is a vast treadmill worked by weary feet to grind the corn that makes the bread that gives them strength to work the treadmill."

—Raymond Fosdick.

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Customer: "That confounded hair-restorer of yours made my hair come out more than ever."

Barber: "I'm afraid you must have put too much on Sir—and made the hair come right out instead of half-way."

Sole Representative Of Palestine Arabs

Arab Higher Committee's Demand–Delegation To London Conference

BEIRUT, Jan. 17.

The Arab Higher Committee have formulated conditions for participation in the London Conference.

BASIC DEMAND

It is understood they will insist that the basis of the Conference be Arab demands as defined by the Committee, that Nashashibi Party (opponents of Palestine Arabs led by the Mufti) be excluded and the Higher Committee recognised as sole representative of Palestine Arabs.—Reuter.

IRAQ DELEGATION

A Baghdad message says:—Mr. Nuri Essaid, the Prime Minister, will after all attend the London Conference as head of the Iraqu Delegation.

A Cairo message says:—The Arab Conference opened under the leadership of the Egyptian Premier and subsequently adjourned till January 19.

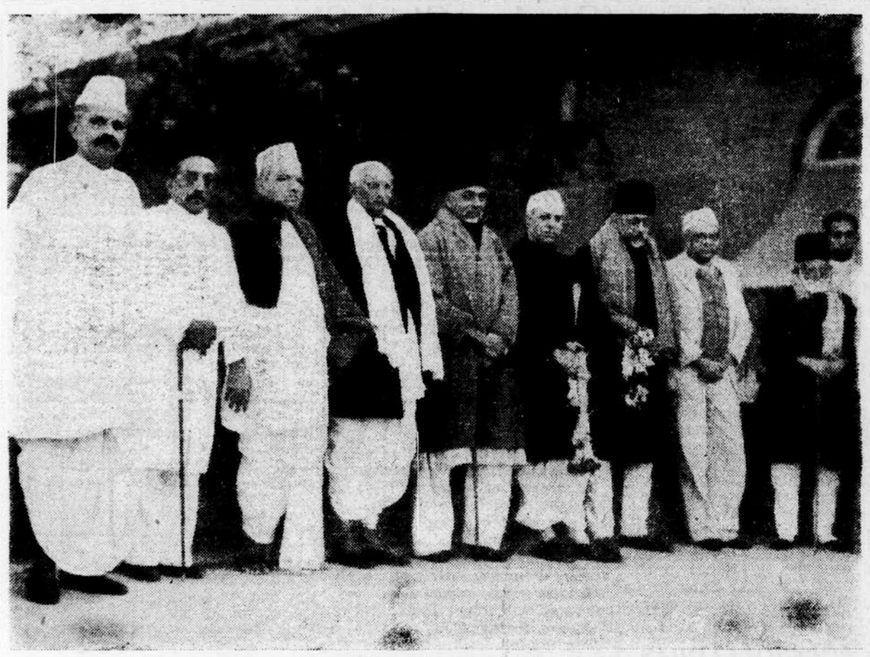
A Communique stated that discussion proceeded in an atmosphere of friendship frankness, and sincerity and "understanding was complete."

The Arab leaders later visited the Palace where they lunched with King Farouk.—Reuter.

No Jewish Colonisation In Abyssinia

PARIS: Jan. 17.

Jewish colonisation in Abyssinia was opposed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, which decided to co-operate with the organisation for Jewish emigration only in countries, which recognised the principle of equal rights to their Jewish citizens.—Reuter.



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. Pattabhi were guests at a tea party given by Shaikh Amin Shaikh Bahadur in honour of the Congress Working Committee at Surat station on Jan. 11, on their way to Bardoli.

Fresh. Taxation To Speed-up Prohibition?

MAHATMA'S TALK WITH MINISTERS

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

BARDOLI: JAN. 17.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS REGARDING THE GENERAL POLICY OF THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PROHIBITION ARE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN AT BARDOLI, WHERE PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE BOMBAY CABINET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HON. MESSRS PATIL AND NURIE, IS CENTRED THIS AFTERNOON.

Premier Kher, with four of his colleagues, namely: Messrs. Munshi Latthe, Morarji Desai and Dr. Gilder will have discussions with Mahatma Gandhi at the Swaraj Ashram in the evening.

IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS WHICH MAHATMA GANDHI HAS AGAIN LAID ON PROHIBITION IN CNE OF HIS RECENT ARTICLES IN THE "HARIJAN" TO-DAY'S MEETING IS EXPECTED TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF GIVING FILLIP TO THE MOVEMENT OF RUNNING THE PROVINCE "DRY."

TALKS WITH MAHATMA

Premier Kher and his four colleagues had discussions with Mahatma Gandhi at the Swaraj Ashram when the question of speeding up prohibition in the province engaged their special attention. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Pakvasa were present during the discussions.

In the light of discussions which were mainly confined to budgetary aspects, a definite decision, it is reliably understood, was taken that the Bombay Government should speed up Prohibition so as to make the whole province "Dry" within about three and a half years that is before the term of office of the present Cabinet comes to a close.

Mahatma Gandhi's suggestion made in his recent article in the Harijan that new taxation may be resorted to for facilitating Prohibition campaign will be followed by Government because it is not possible to bring about budgetary adjustment without some such arrangement. The exact nature of taxation will be decided shortly.

IN KHANDESH

The question of introducing Prohibition in the Bhil area in East Khandesh was also discussed with reference to the peculiar difficulties which the aboriginal tract presents.

After the meeting, Dr. Gilder examined Mahatma Gandhi whose health was found satisfactory. Mr. Latthe and Dr. Gilder left for Surat by car in the night "en route" to Bombay. The Premier and Morarji Desai will leave for Bulsar Taluka to-morrow morning.

All Ministers were present at a public meeting held at Bardoli in the evening when hundreds of peasants were present. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mrs. Kasturbai Gandhi were also present.

World Achievement.

Salt!

If you were asked to name the rarest substance in the world you would probably say, "Radium." If you were asked to name one of the commonest substances in nature you might easily reply, "Salt."

In recent years a curious and startling discovery has been made. It has been found that the rarest element and one of the commonest of all substances are alike in possession of radio-activity.

Professor Ernest Lawrence, of the University of California, has found that if he directs a stream of high-voltage electricity against common salt, its atoms give out rays similar to some of those which emanate from radium.

Radium spontaneously gives out three kinds of particles: atoms, electrons, and the highly penetrating gamma rays, akin to X-rays. Professor Lawrence's salt, after he has electrified it, gives out only gamma rays, and continues to do so for 15 hours before half its life is gone. It is a new element which lives a day. Radium's half-life lasts 1700 years, during which its emanations continue with unabated power.

It is suggested that the 15-hour period of rays from the salt might be employed where radium, because of its too great power, is dangerous. The idea is one to be accepted with caution. All radio-active substances are very strong medicine, and the skilled doctors who handle them know of their perils as well as their value.

But the discovery that salt can be made radio-active is of the highest interest in the study of the atom.

Another Explosion In England

Unsuccessful Attempt To Blow Up Electric Cable Carrying Pylon

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Another mysterious explosion is now reported from Alnwick in Northumberland where the residents were awakened by a terrific bang.

Police found that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to blow up an electric cable carrying pylon on the moors six miles to the west of the town.

A police watch has been kept at the scene of an explosion which occurred last night at the base of the huge cooling towers of the Birmingham electrical power station on the water front. All-night guards and police officials have been stationed at many of the country's greatest powerhouses as a precaution against any further attempts.—Reuter.

LEAGUE & PALESTINE MANDATE

GENEVA: Jan. 17.

Mr. R. A. Butler made a short declaration regarding Palestine, when the report of the Mandates Commission arose at the public meeting of the League Council.

After describing the recent enquiries by the British Commission and the Conference to be held in London, Mr. Butler suggested that in the event of a decision being reached, the Mandates Commission should meet to consider any modifications suggested in the British Mandate, thus enabling the Council to consider suggestions for the May meeting of the Council and so avoid delay.

Mr. Munters as raporteur of the Mandates Commission, accepted the suggestion that an extraordinary session of the Mandates Commission should be held.—Reuter.

NAZI HEADMAN'S VICTIMS

Two Beheaded For Betraying State Secrets

BERLIN: Jan. 17.

Two more persons were executed this morning which brings this year's total headman's victims to eight. They were 23-year-old Heinz Koschen and 26-year-old Gerard Kersandt, both convicted for betraying State secrets.—Reuter.

TURKO-GERMAN RELATIONS

BERLIN, Jan. 17.

Credits for German products to the value of £12,000,000 have been opened in favour of Turkey following the ratification of the German-Turkish credit agreement concluded by Dr. Funk in Istanbul last October.

It is semi-officially declared that the credit is expected to lead to further extension and strengthening of Turco-German relations.—Reuter.

German Economic Mission To Bulgaria

SOFIA, Jan. 17.

The German Economic Mission left for Berlin after successfully concluding negotiations on the subject of mines, but it is stated that no definite results have been achieved on other subjects.—Reuter

HOPES OF DECISION ON ARAB-JEW PROBLEM

LONDON: Jan. 17.

An indication that important Arab decisions are likely to take place this week is contained in a telegram from Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, cancelling his attendance at a public meeting at Ross and Cromarty on Jan. 19, in which he said: "A critical point has now been reached in the preparations for discussions on Palestine with Arabs and Jews, which necessitates my being in London on Friday."—Reuter.

HARD TASK FOR REBELS

Republican Resistance Forces Them Back

BARCELONA, Jan. 17.

Nationalists now face a more difficult country in the centre sector than at any time since the offensive began. To the northeast the original Republican line is still held and desperate nationalist attempts to advance further have been completely repulsed.

To the south-east of Cervera, Nationalists are attempting to blast their way through Sierra de Queralt to more open country.

Meanwhile steady migration of civilians from the war zone continues.

REBELS REPULSED LATER.

It is reported that the Republicans counter-attacked and recaptured Santacoloma De Querault Road junction, fourteen miles south east of Cervera.

NATIONALIST CLAIMS

A Burgos message says:—Gen. Franco's forces advancing from Cervera along the highway to Barcelona captured four more towns and are now within twelve miles of the big industrial centre of Igualada.

The Nationalists have occupied Pallerols Guardiolada, Lluida and Aguillo. Igualda, twelve miles distant from the Franco vanguard is reported to be strongly fortified by the Republicans. The Nationalists are also threatening Igualda from the south-west advancing along the road from Mont Blanch. These columns are only ten miles from Igualada.

PRISONERS TAKEN

Further 1,100 prisoners are reported to have been captured, together with abundant war material and ammunition. Since the beginning of the offensive 38,000 prisoners have been registered and placed in concentration camps.

According to the Nationalist high command, the advance is continuing at the same pace in all sectors.

NAZIS TO SUPPORT IL DUCE

BERLIN, Jan. 17.

A hint that Germany would back any action by Sgr. Mussolini if he should consider the Spanish Non-Intervention understanding broken by a Third Power is contained in an utterance from competent circles, which says that French intervention in Spain would be regarded here as a factor of extraordinary disturbance. Italy's strong attitude with regard to attempts by certain French circles, who are trying to induce France to help Red Spain, is fully shared here.—Reuter.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE RESERVE

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The air ministry announces that in order to provide an opportunity for ex-airmen of the Auxiliary Air Force to return for service with Auxiliary Flying Squadrons in an emergency, it is decided to form an Auxiliary Air Force Reserve of ex-airman under 53 years of age, who have had a minimum of two years satisfactory service in an Auxiliary Air Force and attained the rank of aircraftsman first class or higher. The applicants will be enlisted for a period of two years, and may re-engage for further periods, not exceeding two years. The training will be just sufficient for efficiency. Pay and allowances will be at Air Force rates.—Reuter.

U. P. Players Win Championship

Inter-Provincial Lawn Tennis Tournament

United Provinces tennis triumphed over the rest of the Provinces in the Inter-Provincial Lawn Tennis Tournament on Tuesday when Ghous Mahomed and Y. Singh the only surviving U. P. Players won the Championship Beating Iftakar Ahamed and Prem Lal Pandhi of Punjab.

In the singles between Punjab and U. P. Iftaker evoked general admiration for the excellent start and fight he put up in the initial stage. But Y. Singh, however, realising his superiority in the previous matches with his infinite confidence prevailed upon through the medium of fine service and powerful stroke thus conceding four games in the first set.

The U. P. Champion put up an irresistable display in the second set completely vanquishing the semi final hero of Punjab. His victory was deserving of the highest praise when he beat his opponent at 6—4 and 6—2.

In the contest that followed between Ghous Mahomed and Prem Lal Pandhi the former proved just superior to his opponent. He had always had the Punjab player in a dilemma when he attempted accurate excursions to the net which brought him many valuable points. Prem Lal Pandhi managed to be on the defensive and had to put up a Napoleonic fight against the Champion player who is steadiness personified. In his careful efforts he stood to win 3 games in the first set though in the second he managed to secure better points with skilful display of stroke, he went down to a player who out-shone him in every department of the game thus giving his victor 6—3 and 6—4 to win his Championship.

In the doubles that followed next between United Province and Punjab, Ghous Mahomed and Y. Singh championing the cause of their Province the favourable decision was a foregone conclusion. Since the result chiefly rested on these games and sets the U. P. Players put up a hectic display and the Punjab combination had to yield both the sets at 6—2 and 6—3.

Jamnalal To Offer Satyagraha

Declaration Of His Decision To Enter State On Feb. 1

"The ban on my entry into Jaipur is an invitation to me to offer "Satyagraha" against the present system of administration which has outlived its usefulness" declared Seth Jamnalal Bajaj at a crowded meeting, held at Hira Baugh, on Tuesday, while announcing his decision to enter the State on February I. The Hon. Raja Bahadur Govindlal Shivlal presided.

Seth Jamnalal stated that in case he was arrested and sentenced to go to jail, he would be quite willing to enjoy its serene atmosphere. In case he was arrested and sent to jail, the Jaipur Praja Mandal might launch "Satyagraha" and he hoped that the fight would be carried on and that sympathisers in Bombay, if they could, would contribute to the success by giving financial help and sending volunteers when the occasion arose.

Seth Jamnalal observed that the entry was banned by the State as it thought his presence might stir up the State subjects and it further believed that under the cloak of doing relief work, he would organise a revolution disturbing the peace and tranquillity of the State.

The speaker stated that he was not actuated by such an intention and the State misconstrued his intention.

Asserting that he was a subject of Jaipur, Seth Jamnalal observed that it might be a fortunate or unfortunate fact but it remained and could not be altered. He knew he was a slave and a slave of four States, as he hailed from Sikar which was under the tutelage of Jaipur. But still having been born in Jaipur he felt he had a right to go to his place and serve his fellowmen.

With regard to the decision he had taken, Seth Jamnalal stated that he was compelled to take it, out of self-respect and out of a regard for his fellowmen.

Concluding, he appealed to the people to organise the fight if it came in a desciplined and non-violent manner, as non-violence was bound to succeed in the end although it might be certain that the organised effort of all the states and their concerted strength might be set against them, in order to kill the movement of the people.

The President of the meeting observed that Jaipur had fallen on evil days, as the whole administration was packed with those Britishers who were not taking a practical view of the situation. He hoped that Seth Jamnalal's action which was bound to meet with general approbation, would set matters right.

A number of other speakers addressed the gathering.

Indian Student In New Castle Blaze

Four Burnt To Death In Boarding House Tragedy

LONDON: Jan. 17.

Four persons were burned to death and seven injured in a fire in a New Castle boarding house.

The victims were seen leaning out of the windows and calling for help, but fell back enveloped in flames, though their groans could be heard. They died before rescuers could reach them.

AN INDIAN STUDENT, NAMED DAAS, IS AMONG THE DEAD.—Reuter.

RECRUITMENT FOR R. A. F.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Seven hundred and twenty-one recruits joined the R.A.F. last week against 260 in the same week last year, bringing the total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1, 1938 to 24,125 as compared with 11,461 for the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

ROME-BUDAPEST-BELGRADE TRIANGLE

ROME, Jan. 17.

The conclusion of a pact between Hungary and Jugoslavia is the main object of Count Ciano's forthcoming talks with Dr. Stoyadinovitch, the Jugoslav Foreign Minister at Belje, according to the newspaper "Popolo Di Roma"

The chief points of the new pact are: Hungary to respect the existing frontier and Yugoslavia to guarantee fair treatment to the Hungarian minority.

The talks will also aim at eventually bringing Rumania into the agreement.

There is also a talk, the newspaper writes, of creating a Rome-Budapest-Belgrade triangle to have special effects in the economic field.

"Needless to say, such creation will be perfectly harmonious with the policy of the Rome-Berlin Axis."

The "Popolo di Roma" concludes. Everything in the "Danubian and Baltic Europe is in a ferment of revision, writes Signor Gayda in the "Giornale d'Italia."

Sgr. Gayda reviews the steps taken by Yugoslavia to bring her nearer to Rome-Berlin Axis and declares that Rumania henceforth has an interest of her own in bringing her policy into the same line.—Reuter.

LIFT BAN ON ARMS TO REPUBLICANS

Socialist Labour International's Demand

BRUSSELS: Jan. 17.

The Executive Committee of the Socialist Labour International adopted a resolution calling for the raising of restriction on the export of arms and munitions to Republican Spain.—Reuter.

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RENT INQUIRY

"HOUSES MUST BE PULLED DOWN & REBUILT"

Way To Remove Slums In The City: Labour Officer's Suggestions

The establishment of a separate body with plenary powers to pull down and rebuild houses, to tackle the housing problem in the city of Bombay was suggested by Mr. J. F. Gennings, Commissioner of Labour, when he was examined by the Rent Inquiry Committee, which resumed its sittings on Tuesday.

Dr. R. K. Mhatre Executive Health Officer to the City Municipality who was examined earlier in the day suggested the removal of the cattle stables from the city, the closing of open drains in "house gullies," and the abolition of the option given to the Landlord to improve a room declared unfit for human habitation.

FOUR CLASSES OF HOUSES

Answering questions put by the chairman, Mr. Mathooradas Tricumjee, Dr. Mhatre said that the houses in Bombay could be divided into four classes, according to the accommodation available, their situation and general sanitary conditions.

In the first class came the residences of the wealthy. These buildings did not require much attention from the Health department, except in discovering breeding grounds of malarial mosquitoes in the gardens.

The second group of buildings were found all over the city, some of them, in congested areas which could be called slums, although the houses may not be insanitary. These were occupied by middle classes, and sometimes by the poor classes also. The conditions of such houses were unsatisfactory as regards accommodation available for the occupants of the family. The position in the new buildings was much better than in the old.

SEMI-PERMANENT SHEDS

The third and fourth class of buildings were spread all over the city, occupied by poor people. The fourth class would be confined to semi-permanent sheds built in open areas, particularly in the north of Bombay. The conditions of these buildings and sheds were abominable. The number of people living in the last two classes of residences was greater than in the first two classes.

The middle class houses also needed some attention from the health department. The older buildings of this class had no proper drains. The open drains in house gullies were a source of nuisance. It was one of their aims to close these gullies.

The Municipal bye-laws required the provision of one water closet for five rooms in middle class tenements but there were no rules regarding the provision of washing places. But the health department was becoming more insistent.

Then there was the provision by which any room could be declared unfit for human habitation. Under the present Bye-laws the owner had an option to improve the room. Dr. Mhatre suggested that this option should not be there. Once a room was declared uninhabitable it should be condemned forever.

PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING

As regards the provision for obviating overcrowding Dr. Mhatre said that the provisions were found very difficult to operate. He thought that the only remedy was to increase the available accommodation.

According to current theory every human being required 3,000 feet of fresh air per hour. This would mean that every individual would require a 1,000 cubic feet space of room. This was the ideal, but the Municipal Act permitted four persons for the same area. He would recommend that a mean should be struck and two persons for the area be permitted. But he doubted if the poor people could afford to pay for that much space.

Overcrowding was also due to tendency of the people to be near their work. If transport were made very cheap, it may act as an inducement to the people to go out.

He also suggested that more open areas should be created and more parks and play grounds for children should be provided.

MINIMUM SPACE PER ROOM

Answering questions put by Mr. Soparker, Dr. Mhatre stated that the Health department did deal with insanitary sheds, but they were put up again and again without any authority and when the matter was taken to court, the offenders were dealt with very leniently. He was aware that many such sheds did exist and he was very much disappointed with the position but it was not due to the slackness of the public health department.

The minimum space per room permitted by present by-laws was 100 square feet. But buildings put up before the passing of the present Municipal Act were permitted to have rooms of 80 square feet only. It was now 50 years since the Act was passed and it was time that this exemption to old buildings was stopped.

To Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Dr. Mhatre stated that the condition of middle class tenements had improved very much, though the condition of poor class tenements as described in the census of 1931 had remained unaltered.

FOUR LAKHS WILL BE HOUSELESS

Dr. Mhatre agreed with Mr S. K. Patil that if the standard of two persons for 100 square feet was enforced nearly four lakhs of people in Bombay would be dishoused and it would be a tremendous problem to rehouse them.

He also agreed that there should be propaganda to inculcate sanitary habits among the people but he could not say if such propaganda should be undertaken by the municipality.

NO NEW CATTLESHEDS

To prof. S. G. Beri, he stated that the policy of the municipality was not to permit the opening of any new cattle stables in the city. But the old stables were still there. He would favour their removal from the city limits.

Mr. Gennings in the course of his evidence said that the instinct of a worker who got higher wages, was not to cut loose from his former surroundings, but to stay there and spend more on miscellaneous needs. For instance, though a perfectly good room on the edge of the sea at Worli was available, a worker preferred to stay in a horrible room where he could not even stand up. One of the reasons for the unpopularity of the Worli chawls was that they "got mixed up with politics."

Even after the Congress Government had taken over the task of popularising the chawls the response had not been very good.

SHIFTING HOUSES

The only way to improve housing conditions in the city was to pull down houses and rebuild them far away from the city. Shifting of industry from Bombay was impossible but he did not see any insuperable difficulty in shifting housing from its present centres.

He thought that Kamatipura and other areas should never exist in a city. But the cost of eradicating them would be too much. With regard to overcrowding he thought that there was no way out within the orbit of practical politics. He however suggested that a separate body should be set up to tackle the problem. Such a body should also have power to fix rates and arrange for transport for the people who would be shifted to outside places

PROBLEM OF RENT

He agreed that the rent problem was more oppressive in the case of a middle class family than in that of a worker's family. The only way to relieve the oppression was the provision of chief housing by the municipality or the state, which he thought was impracticable.

He did not think that legislation restricting rents would solve the problem. A worker would then be paying less rent but would continue to remain in the filthy slum. The real thing to do was to improve housing conditions.

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am sure, as a result of his stay in India, have gathered this himself.

NOTE OF WARNING.

I think it necessary to sound a note of warning at this stage. Some esteemed friends have indicated to me their apprehension that any discussion of this question may raise hopes in the minds of either the cultivator or the operator in the market, and that should Mr. Schwabach's idea not fructify eventually even a discussion of the problem, as initiated by Mr. Schwabach, may lead to more harm than good. I must say that I do not agree with such reasoning. Mere clearing up of a problem need not necessarily give hopes to any intelligent person of definite action to follow at any fixed time. The problem in India is difficult enough with the Central Government and the Provincial Governments not working always in the strictest co-operation; but that should not be a bar to the following up of any problem put before the public in the manner that Mr. Schwabach has ventured to do. I think discussions of such questions should always be welcome, and if nothing feasible is arrived at, it will at least tend to show that Nature alone can solve it by one of her inscrutable freaks and man is helpless in his present mentality and in the present race for superiority of one country over another.

Hubli Urban Bank Manager Dead

(From A Correspondent.)

HUBLI, Jan. 17.

Mr. Vithalrao Valvekar manager of the Hubli Urban Bank, who was "Chronicle" correspondent for a number of years died at Mantralaya on Monday.

'Cambay Star' Shipwrecked 140 Miles Off Bombay

28 PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE DROWNED

Cargo Boat Bound From Karachi To Calicut Founders

The S.S. "Cambay Star," which was on a voyage from Karachi to Malabar ports, it is now reliably understood, has been shipwrecked at Lat. 18.19 N., Long. 70.40 E., which is a distance of about 140 miles West of Bombay.

The ill-fated ship started from Karachi on Sunday the 8th with a cargo of wool, jute and cotton bales.

The vessel was expected at Calicut on Sunday the 15th but as it did not reach the port of destination, anxiety was felt by the Agents at Calicut who got in touch with the Port authorities.

On receipt of information from the Captain of the "Conte Verde", which arrived in Bombay from Europe on Monday, that a wreckage had been sighted 150 miles west of Bombay, H. M. I. S. "Pathan" was immediately sent out from the Royal Indian Naval Dockyard to investigate.

The Captain of the S.S. "Clan Macilwraith "at sea, sent a wireless to Bombay Station, reporting that 140 miles west of Bombay, he had sighted and examined an upturned lifeboat belonging to the "Cambay Star" and also a hatch and a quantity of burst bales, of apparently wool or jute, spread over a large area.

A dead body in a highly decomposed condition was seen floating near the wreckage. The corpse had a life-jacket fastened to it.

The Port Officer, Bombay, soon as he received this message from the "Clan Macilwraith" wirelessed to all ships at sea to keep a sharp look out in the area specified, for the wreckage and survivors if any.

The "Cambay Star" is a small cargo vessel of 320 tons, Net capacity belonging to the Eastern Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Bombay, which runs a coastal cargo service.

The ship before it was purchased by the present owners, was the property of the Nawab of Cambay along with her sister ship the "Cambay Prince".

Inquiries made with the Shipping Master go to show that there were 28 persons on board at the time of the disaster.

It is feared that all on board have perished.

The following are the names of the various crews belonging to the Deck Engine and Saloon Departments:

(1) Capt. M. Ebrahim (34) Master.
(2) M. Ebrahim (31) Chief Officer.
(3) A. Husein (50) Second Mate.
(4) C. G. M Corke (62) Chief Engineer
(6) Wazir Ahmed (56) 2nd Engineer.
(7) G. Abas (37) 3rd Engineer.

CREW

(8) Noorudin Jainudin (47).
(9) Baloo Babla (46).
(10) Kaka Baloo (37).
(11) Eusoof Bhicoo (46).
(12) Hasan Fakir (46).
(13) Fakir Kaloo (14).
(14) Mohamed Jainudin (19).
(15) Ahmed Fakir (38).
(16) Shaik Md. Shaik Mahmood (54).
(17) Syed Dawood Syd. Mohamed (27).
(18) Ali Ahmed (32).
(19) Oomer Ibrahim (35).
(20) Fakir Gafoor Fakir Ahmed (46)
(21) Ismail Bapoo (24).
(22) Abdoolkarim Dharmoodin (40).
(23) Salehkhan Ahmedkhan (22)
(24) Syed Muhammed Syed Ismail (44).
(25) Hassanmia Fakir Saleh (31).
(26) Ignatius Dias (49).
(27) Francis Fernandis (46).
(28) Baptista D'Costa (33).

The accommodation certificate of the ship permitted only 26 persons on board. Captain excepted, but the ship actually carried 28 men.

Inquiries made with the Principal Marine Officer, Mercantile Marine Department reveal that the weather was not unfavourable for navigation.

CAUSE OF SHIP-WRECK

In connection with the loss of s. s. "Cambay Star" our representative interviewed some responsible persons in the coasting shipping circle.

An ex-Commander of a unit belonging to the fleet of the Eastern Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. was of the opinion, as far as his technical knowledge went, that the causes contributing to the ship-wreck should have been 1. Faulty-loading; 2. Overloading; 3. Congested-deck-loading so as to impair the stability of the vessel; 4. Bad, corroded bottom plates due to the constant plying of the ship in the muddy and shallow waters of the Gulf of Cambay. This skipper thought that the ship must have had a bad list throughout the voyage resulting in her ultimate capsizing, when she heeled beyond the centre of buoyancy.

He further thought that as is the custom with stevedores the hatches would necessarily have been battened and made fast with tarpaulins and even if the ship turned turtle there was no possibility of any cargo being ejected, and in such a case the ship would have sunk in 'toto.' The fact that cotton bales were found floating, in his opinion go to show that there was cargo on deck.

Another point which this veteran navigator stressed was that, the ship's master after becoming aware of the distressful conditions—as there was ample time and the weather was absolutely fair—should have immediately ordered boat-stations and attempted to abandon the vessel.

The fact that only one life-boat has been traced is indicative of negligent handling of the situation, otherwise, considering the prevalence of fair weather in the area at the time of the disaster it was quite possible to save every life by ordering the boats to be lowered in sufficient time to ensure the safety of the men on board.

If the crew had a chance to take to the life-boats they could have made for shore. The very fact that not one life is saved out of a crew of 28 goes to suggest that there should have been a serious blunder.

DWARKA DISASTER RECALLED

The ex-Captain recalled how 26 lives were saved when the s. s. "Kumari" foundered off Dwarka, in 1932, inspite of stormy seas and cyclonic weather which prevailed at the time, by resorting to the life-boats.

Another reason according to him was that due to plying for a long time in muddy and shallow waters in the Gulf of Cambay, when the ship was in the service of the Cambay State, her bottom was bound to be in a corrosive state thereby rendering it possible for any plate of the hull to burst.

If this were the case then it is possible, he said that the ship may have sprung a leak so as to have gradually gone down. Even in such an eventuality there was no reason why the lives on board could not be saved as there would always be sufficient warning and time to take measures for safety of the crew.

A well-known Bombay Stevedore and an ex-Manager of a coastal shipping company concurred with the Captain and emphatically expressed that the Marine Court of inquiry should try to ascertain

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whether or not the lives on board could be saved.

That the smaller ships are usually loaded beyond their capacity even above the 'Plimoll' mark (the authorised level for loading) just for the sake of a little extra freight, thereby willingly risking the lives of the crew was the general opinion in Bombay shipping circles.

LATER.

SHIP DEFINITELY FOUNDERED

No further information about the 'Cambay Star' is received by the authorities of the R. I. N. Dockyard from the H. M. I. S. "Pathan."

It is, however, definitely presumed that the ship foundered somewhere in the Arabian Sea 140 miles due west of Bombay.

The 'Cambay Star' was built in 1920 by J. Chambers Ltd., Lomestoft and was registered with Lloyd's in class 100 A1. Before being rechristened she was the ex-"Wynstone" and Jolly "Charles."

A SHORT STORY

WHEAT CROP

BY RICHARD HILL WILKINSON

It was a marvellous crop of wheat. The best in years. The stalks stood over six feet high.

Joshua never felt better in his life than the evening after supper when he stepped from the house and walked along the edge of the field. A hot dry wind was blowing. To-morrow the harvest would begin. Before another week had passed he would be rich. Rich enough to have every comfort that the countryside offered the next winter. No scrimping. Plenty to eat. New clothes for Ruth and little Jimmie. A movie once a week.

Joshua stopped every once in awhile, thrust this hands deep into the pocket of his jeans and just stood there and admired. Golden dollars. That's what those acres were—transformed into golden dollars by hard work and sweat and knowing how to treat the soil

There'd never been a better crop. Where he stood the stalks were a good seven feet. Well, six and a half anyway. He stepped in among them. It gave him a tremendously satisfying feeling to see the tassels waving in the wind above his head!

He walked on a little ways, parting the stalks to form an avenue, thrilling to the rattle and rustle of the wind among them, glorying in the feel of them against his body. He sighed deeply, contentedly, and turned back, circling a little to come out nearer the house.

He walked on and on and presently he stopped. The edge of the field, he figured, must be over to the left. He turned in that direction, but he didn't come to the edge of the field. Ahead and on both sides were gently moving wheat stalks, hundreds of them, millions of them, all looking alike. He cooked his head, listening, but the rush of wind and the constant rustling drowned out any familiar sounds that might come from the house.

He grunted, changed his direction and started to walk again. After ten minutes he stopped. A smile played about his lips. This was a hot one! Lost in his own wheat field! Then the thought vanished. Suppose he had been walking in the opposite direction from the house? Suppose he had been walking in circles? An annoyance ran through his mind. The wheat field was 1,500 acres in extent. It was as flat as a pancake. It's boundaries were irregular. There were no landmark to guide him.

He started to backtrack, but presently he discovered that the wind had forced the bent stalks back into place. He wasn't sure that he was on his own trail.

He stopped again, deliberating, cocking his head to listen. But there was no sound other than the rattling of the stalks. He considered shouting but if Ruth discovered what had happened she'd never get over joshing him.

The light was fading rapidly. In no time at all it would be dark. He started ahead once more, stopped in a sort of panic. It was incredible!

He decided to shout, and did so lustily. The sound of his own voice was reassuring, but it didn't bring results. The stalks hemmed him in like a jungle forest. They offered no surcease. The wind seemed to mock him.

Suddenly, in a burst of anger, he cut loose and went plugging ahead. He must have covered a hundred yards. Then he stopped. No sense in that. It wasn't getting him any place. He thought of men going mad from losing their sense of direction. Foolish. To-morrow the harvest would begin. He'd hear the sound of machinery. But no! When he didn't return to the house, Ruth would become alarmed and organize the harvesters into a posse to scour the countryside. Why, he might wander around here for days!

He ground his teeth. Dumbhead. To-morrow would be blistering hot. He'd have no water. He'd become a raving maniac.

A terror seized him. He started to walk again. He walked 100 yards in one direction, then the same distance in another, then in another. It got him nowhere.

The light was almost gone. He hoped the wind would go down with the sun, but it didn't. It blew harder. He tried jumping up, in the hopes of seeing a light, but he couldn't get his head above the stalks. They were too high. Almost seven feet.

He sat down. Then he got to his knees and began breaking off stalks. Might as well give in to the thing. Might as well make the best of it. He began making a bed of wheat stalks. Nothing else to do. He lay down and thought of Ruth. Good lord, she'd be worried to death! But what could he do? Best thing was to think of something else. The harvest. The money his wheat would bring. That is, if there ever were a harvest. If they never found him—if he wandered around for days in his own wheat until he dropped from exhaustion.

. . . .

Joshua's last waking thought was of Jimmie and Ruth buying new clothes with the wheat money. He dreamed of being scooped up by a binder; wrapped in a stack with dozens of others; left in the sun to fry.

When Joshua opened his eyes it was daylight again. The sun was already hot. He felt stiff and sore.

Then he heard the sound of voices. Two men were coming toward him. He heard his name mentioned. They were looking for him. He got to his feet, shouted. Then men came running up. Joshua took two steps toward them and found himself on the edge of the field. The house was only a stone's throw away.

He looked at the men and they at him. He grinned sheepishly. "I——I guess I musta laid down and dropped off," he said weakly."

The men began to laugh. Then Joshua saw Ruth coming from the house. He sighed wearily. Last night he'd never felt better in his life. This morning he felt like a plugged nickel.

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FULL STORY OF TATA MAIL 'PLANE CRASH

Wheels And Under-Carriage Thrown A Furlong Apart

VILLAGERS' EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

"A deep gash along the hillside about 1,500 feet from the ground level, wheels and parts of the undercarriage thrown nearly a furlong apart, the framework crumpled up and burnt under trees and rocks, on the other side of a chasm on the hillside, trees and bushes severely singed—these were the sad and tragic features of the plane crash that occurred on Wednesday last on the hills, near Nachineri village, four miles north of Yerpedu, in which Mr. S. H. Engineer, the intrepid Bombay airman was killed," wires the Special Correspondent of "Hindu" from Yerpedu.

The whole area forms part of the Kalahasti zemindari. The hill, which is a section of the Sakadbadurg range is about 1,500 feet high at the place. Running from south to north, it rises steeply from its foot. Thick and thorny trees and bushes cover its sides. One has to clamber up securing just such foothold as one could over slippery pebbles and rocks and amidst dense shrubbery.

The scene of the occurrence lies almost at the top of this hill and the time taken for its discovery is largely due to its inaccessibility.

Bad weather also contributed its share to the delay. It was raining heavily the whole forenoon in the neighbourhood, nearly two inches of rain having been recorded. Low clouds and a dense mist covered the hill and visiblity was so poor that even from the village nestling at its foot the hill was not visible.

The first suspicion of something having gone wrong occurred to some shepherds who had taken shelter from the weather under rocks half way up the hill. They conveyed information to some of the villagers who made a search in the afternoon but could not do anything in the bad weather and failing light.

VILLAGERS ON SCENE

Pujari Rami Reddi, T. Rami Reddi, C. Gengi Reddi, K. Chenga Reddi and some other villagers had also heard the noise of the plane crashing on the hill side and of an explosion, apparently caused by the bursting of the petrol tank. They went next morning up the hill, cutting their way through thick growth and bramble on the steep sides and after about three hours located the plane which was still smouldering. Returning at once to the village they informed the police outpost at Yerpedu of the occurrence. They also brought down some of the letters and papers they found on the spot bundled up and left them with the police.

Men were rushed to the spot by the police. By this time the news had spread to neighbouring villages and large crowds began to gather at Nachineri.

The police at Pallam Station were informed and the Collector and Joint Magistrate at Chandragiri also apprised of the occurrence. The Postal Inspector camping at Pallam informed the Superintendent at Cuddapah of the mishap had to the plane and proceeded to the spot.

RECOVERED ARTICLES

Mr. Papiah Naidu, Sub-Magistrate, Kalahasti, Mr. V. R. Rajaratnam, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and Mr. V. Subrahmaniam, Joint Magistrate, Chandragiri, soon arrived in the village. Proceeding to the spot, they collected all the letters, and other papers and materials that had escaped the blaze and brought them down. A tin plate bearing certain numbers, a brass plate with the type of the engine of the plane a brass button with the Tata's air service crest, Rs. 9-0-3 in cash, were recovered from the wreckage.

The pilot's body, badly mutilated and burnt, provided a tragic sight and the remains were removed and after medical examination buried near the spot.

A careful search was made for the pilot's "green bag" and log book but these were missing. A burnt bit of canvass with something that seemed to be a twisted metal clasp was apparently all that was left of these.

From the place where the wrecked frame work and all that remained of the body of the unfortunate pilot were found, the party skirted round the cleft in the hillside about 300 yards to where the petrol tank lay. Another fifty yards further up, one of the wheels of the plane and a few shreds of the torn covering of the plane's body were seen. A little distance off the damaged wings lay the letters forming part of the number of the plane VT-AIY. The other wheel was missing but after some further search, it was found about seventy yards away from the first wheel. A gash on the surface of the hillside showed where the first impact had probably occurred—on the ridge of the hillside. The position of the petrol tank, the wreckage and the crumpled up frame-work further to the south showed that the plane should have shot south, after dashing on the hillside, all ablaze—trees, grass and bushes along its path were charred—and probably the pilot met with instantaneous death.

An inquest was held over the dead body at the village, soon after the Joint-Magistrate and other officers had came down, when Pujari Rami Reddi and other villagers were examined.

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

Pujari Rami Reddi said that he heard at about 10-30 a. m. on the date of the occurrence the whirr of the plane and sometime later some noise. "Tup, tup'—then a pause—and then a big explosion 'damal'—that was the noise I heard", said Rami Reddi, "and I feared something wrong had happened to the plane. I could not see or understand what it was." It was raining heavily, witness said, and so he went to the hillside the next day with other villagers and then discovered the spot where the plane had crashed "I saw the dead body in a lump and the plane completely burnt", Rami Reddi said, "and I was frightened by the sight. We all however managed to collect the bundle of letters and other papers scattered about and carry them down the hill to the police station."

MR. VINTCENT'S STATEMENT

Mr. Vintcent expressed the opinion that the pilot, Mr. S. H Engineer, was apparently flying in a south-westerly direction. "He must have suddenly seen the hill", Mr. Vintcent told our representative, "and turned left violently to avoid it, but too late. The plane struck the hillside and crashed. I think it caught fire immediately and was burnt up. I should say—why, it is as certain as anything—that Mr. Engineer was killed instantaneously."

Messrs. K. S. Krishnan and two other members of the Madras Flying Club, by this time also arrived at the scene of occurrence and joined the party.

After finishing the inspection and leaving a guard to watch the wreckage pending inspection by the Civil Aviation authorities, the party returned to the village.

A telegram from the parents of Mr. S. H. Engineer was handed in to Mr Vintcent at the village.

It was a pathetic request to bring back the remains of their son at any cost.

Mr. Vintcent informed the police authorities on the spot about this and requested them to disinter the body and keep it ready for despatch.

SALVAGED MAILS

The salvaged mail was taken charge of by Mr. T. Srinivasaraghavan, Postal Superintendent of the circle, who had them sent to Renigunta for despatch by the Bombay Mail.

About forty pounds of mail, Mr. Srinivasaraghavan told our special representative, had been recovered, all the rest of the bundle of about four hundred pounds having been destroyed completely.

Many of the letters were quite intact, though somewhat wet on account of rain.

Among the articles burnt partially were cheques for large sums of money and in some cases currency notes.

Silk kerchiefs and shirts, a toilet bottle—these were some of the articles—apparently belonging to Mr. Engineer—recovered from the wreckage almost completely charred.

Capital Expenditure For Indian Railways

Standing Finance Committee Approves Eleven-Crore Programme

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.

An eleven-crore programme of capital expenditure for 1939-40 was, subject to a few minor changes, approved by the Standing Finance Committee for Railways, which concluded its two-day session to-day.

Increase Of 110 Lakhs

THE ROLLING STOCK PORTION OF THE PROGRAMME IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM (380-1/2 LAKHS) HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THEIR MEETING OF JULY LAST, IN SIMLA, BUT SUBSEQUENT CHANGES, INVOLVING AN INCREASE IN THE ESTIMATES OF ABOUT 110 LAKHS, MAINLY DUE TO THE CARRYING FORWARD TO 1939-'40 OF EXPENDITURE PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED TO BE INCURRED THIS YEAR, WERE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED.

THREE BRANCH LINES

A sum of about Rs. 85 lakhs has been provided for the construction of three branch lines, the Sind Right Bank Feeders, the Khadro-Nawabshah and the Pithoro-Tando-Mitakhan Railways. The last is still under discussion with the Sind Government.

REBUILDING OF STATIONS

Open line works (track renewals, bridge work, etc.), are expected to cost 811 lakhs. Among the most important of the works approved are the remodelling of the yard and rebuilding of the station at Viramgaon on the B.B. & C.I. Railway and the remodelling of Palghat and Ollavakot Stations on the South Indian Railway.

PAREL WORKSHOP

The purchase of about 5-1/2 lakhs rupees worth of machinery for the Workshops at Parel and Ajmer was also approved and other large projects discussed (but in regard to which the final advice of the Committee was postponed), were the regirdiring of the Dufferin Bridge at Benares and the replacement of the rolling mill plant and the provision of an additional power-plant at Jamalpur on the East Indian Railway.

The programme also includes about 92 lakhs of rupees for the purchase of the South Bihar Railway, which had been previously approved by the Committee.

TIMBER ADVISER

The Committee also approved of two additional posts being created in the superior cadre of the Engineering Department of the East Indian Railway, one permanent and the other temporary (for two years), and of the post of the Timber Advisory Officer attached to the Railway Board being made permanent.

An interesting point brought out during discussion on this post was that Indian Railways spend over a crore of rupees annually on wooden sleepers.—A.P.

FESTIVAL MATCH AT NAGPUR

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Jan. 17.

Following are the results of the four-day Festival match:—

C. P., C. I. & HYDERABAD (1st Innings) 189

C. C. of INDIA (1st Innings) 292

C. P., C. I. & HYDERABAD (2nd Innings) 253

C. C. of INDIA (2nd Innings, for 9 wickets) 111

C. P., C. I. AND HYDERABAD (2ND INNINGS CONTINUED)

P. R. Nayudu (run out)	50
Lateef (not out)	6
Extras	15
Total	253

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Mubarak Ali 3 for 75; Hari 1 for 19; Havewala 2 for 22; Naomal 1 for 58; Ranbirsingh 2 for 24.

C. C. I. 2ND INNINGS

Meherhomji c and b C. S.	24
Mankad l.b.w. C. S.	7
Ranbir Singh l.b.w. C. S.	0
Naoomal l.b.w.	11
Indravijaysingh c and b C. S.	15
Havewalla b Hazare	39
Harris c Zahurahmad b C. S.	3
Mubarakali b C. S.	6
Thakarsey c Mushtakali b Hazare	1
Raijee (not out)	1
Extras	4
Total	111

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Hazare 2 for 43: C. S. Nayudu 7 for 43.

Major Nayudu XI are playing against Nagpur University XI on Saturday and Sunday.

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway reached at north shields on Tuesday morning on board the Oslo-Newcastle motorship "Black Watch." He proceeded to Sandringham to stay with the King and Queen.

The Beggar Problem And The Beggar's Ball

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Even the most charitably minded citizens, who has any civic sense, will acknowledge the disgrace of the Beggar pest in Bombay, largely encouraged by indiscriminate alms-giving and often fostered by a mistaken notion of religious charity.

It required the advent of the Congress Government with its forward policy to make the first real attempt to face this question. The Hon. Mr. K. M. Munshi has taken a far-sighted view of the matter in attempting to outroot the trouble at its very sources by starting with the child-beggar and by proposing the scheme for a colony at Chembur.

With the best of intentions, the Government can formulate a number of schemes for the amelioration of conditions of society and civic life, but it is impossible for the Government to finance all such schemes.

Unfortunately, Bombay has in the recent past had heavy calls on its charitable purse in connection with various relief funds including the anti-Tuberculosis, but when a local question like the Beggar's Home arises, surely Bombay will have to consider starting charity at home.

Probably the money to support the scheme is as important a question as the scheme itself, and here the richer section of the society must do their duty. A big beggar-drive for charity in the city is being organised by that, shall we say, invincible lady, Mrs. Bapsy Sabawala, who plans to put her hands in the pockets of every individual in Bombay sometime in March or April this year.

But in the meanwhile, in conjunction with the Indian Progressive Group, she has planned the biggest social event of the year in Bombay, a Beggar's Ball at the Taj, on Wednesday the 22nd February. A unique function where most of the Cabinet Ministers and H. E. and Lady Lumley too will be present. It can safely be said, that Bombay has not seen in the past and probably will not see for some time to come the like of this Ball, where amateur cabaret items on an unprecedented scale, the best that the Taj management can produce, will combine to make up a rare evening's entertainment. The Taj management have, with a praiseworthy civic sense, come forward and have offered to give an excellent dinner plus entertainment, below cost, so that a larger sum may go to charity.

Even the most charitably disposed are glad to get a return for their money, and in the case of this Ball they will get, thanks to those who are co-operating with the scheme, more than their money's worth at this Ball, that undoubtedly deserves the most ungrudging support of all sections.—Yours, etc.

J. A. B.

REVALUATION OF THE GOLD RESERVE IN INDIA

(Continued from page 6)

rency, to suit a stiff, unpopular exchange policy.

A national economic Planning Commission is about to go into the entire question of devising measures to renovate India and it will need funds to work with Congress Governments are in power in many provinces and can be more enthusiastic about this sort of work if they can throw off financial timidity and conservatism. The Central Government itself may in the coming years be more in a mood to be persuaded to smile on development enterprise.

May not the rupees 30 crores got by revaluing our gold stock be by revaluing our gold stock be used as the nucleus of a new quasi-public development Fund? Or at worst for the cancellation of so much debt? A wisely thought-out scheme of debt conversion (by say, 1 per cent. less on all loans now above 4 or 4½ per cent.) is sure to bring in relief to the treasury and to the tax payer. The financial credit of the Government of India is high; there is an appalling poverty in India to liquidate; five-sixths of India's existing debt is productive and unonerous. It is time to launch out a plan of public borrowing assisted and complemented by suitable legislations, so as to develop the resources of the country, and to place production, marketing, employment and social welfare in debt to far-sighted statesmanship.

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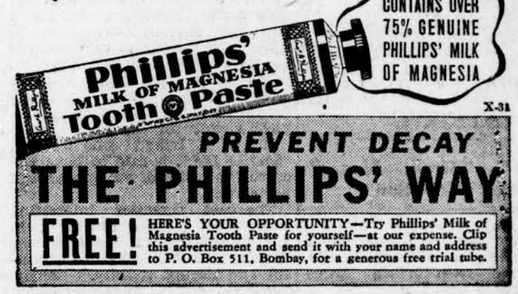

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"Service Ltd." At Imperial On Saturday

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"Service Ltd." (coming to Imperial on Saturday) has a plot that is highly dramatic but incredibly simple. It introduces us to a young modern girl, with plenty of money and plenty of pluck. She has a vague motion that her father had died at the hands of a gang of crooks; so she resolves to rid the town of that gang, and of gangdom altogether. Scoffed at by friends, she shows enough will and nerve to secure the support of the three guardians whom her father had appointed to look after her. One of them, a young barrister, finds himself more than intellectually interested in this move.

Thus is born the novel firm "Service Ltd.", a philanthropic private detective agency, with the bold motto: "Where the Police can't help you, we can!".

Through a series of exciting events and adventures, the firm gains public recognition; and the story is simple and straightforward enough to end in a complete victory for the girl.

Mr. C. M. Luhar, who directed "Service Ltd.", is said to have adopted the policy of straightforward narrative.

The cast promises interesting combination. Maya is in the main role. No glamour girl, she has the natural look of intelligence, youthful and daring vivacity. Shyly, she gives way to romance, which forms a live background for the story. Opposite her, is Surendra, in the role of the barrister who starts as Maya's guardian, becomes an active help-mate in her adventures, and ends up with the adventure of helping himself to her! Himself a lawyer, he shines in the court scenes on the screen.

The source of the villainy in which alone the "Service Ltd.", organisation could find a justification for existence, is Yakub. Sauve, polished, trim in his clothes and prim in his manners, Yakub makes an exceedingly believable gangster who leads a double life passing off as a respectable merchant in the normal world. Romantic victim of Yakub's wiles is Bibbo, cast as a desirably glamorous woman, simple-minded and easy-going.

Sankatha, Bhudo Advani, Harish, Pande and a long line of Sagar's feature talents make up the supporting cast.

STILL GOING STRONG

"Bhabi", "Street Singer" And "My Son"

Three Indian pictures are still going strong and are likely to be continued for several weeks more. They come from India's three leading studios.

The success of "Bhabi" (in its 5th week at Roxy) has once for all established that even without Devika Rani, the Bombay Talkies can produce an excellent and popular picture. The "discovery" of two such good artistes as Renuka Devi and Rama Shukul is the great achievement of this picture.

When Saigal and Kanan Sing

When Saigal and Kananbala both sing in the same picture, no wonder it should be so popular. "Street Singer" continues to draw well at Minerva Talkies and Saigal-Kanan fans should not miss it.

"My Son" in Marathi

The non-Marathi speaking cinegoers had better see Prabhat's "My Son" before it is replaced by the Marathi version. This powerful sociological film is a tribute to the histrionic talent of Mama Bhat.

HUSN BANU,
who is featured in Wadia's "Flying Ranee" at Lamington.

ILA DEVI,
who is featured in "Bazi gar," Ranjit film at West End.

LAST WEEK'S RELEASES

Ranjit's 'Bazigar' Comes At West End

Wadia Thriller, "Flying Ranee", Shown At Lamington Talkies

Two Indian films were released during the last week-end

At the West-End, the Ranjit Movietone have replaced their "Professor Waman, M. Sc." by their latest production, "Bazigar".

The film is said to have a purposeful theme depicting the conflict of good and evil, love and lust. It is the story of simple village-folk. The PUJARI of a village temple is persuaded to leave the countryside and go to the city where manifold temptations beset his path. A variety of incident—entertaining and, often, dramatic—has been woven into the story by the Director, Mr. Manibhai Vyas.

The cast is headed by Ila Devi, and Charlie, with Khatun and T. Kapur in the supporting roles.

Songs by Anees Khatoon and Chatterjee are a special feature of the film.

Wadia Thriller

At the Lamington Talkies the Wadia Movietone have released their latest "thriller." "Flying Ranee" which is proving a popular draw.

Combining in the theme the problems of Harijans and court intrigues, "Flying Ranee" provides a varied fare with music, cabaret dances, comedy and, to crown all, a train sequence which is said to be very thrilling. All the time there is also an element of suspenseful drama with a surprise ending.

Particular appeal for children has been added by the appearance in the film of an amiable elephant, Jumbo Kaka, who is sure to be popular with the little ones.

Husn Banu plays the leading role and others in the cast include Khurshed and Anant Marathe.

Wadia "thrillers" have always been popular with a considerable number of cine-goers who won't be disappointed in "Flying Ranee".

What is claimed to be absolutely a new type of story, supplying full entertainment, will be found in Shree Bharat Laxmi's "Daku-ka-Ladka", a "thriller" awaiting release at the Lamington, through Calcutta Talkie-Distributors.

SURENDRA,
who plays a Barrister in "Service, Ltd." coming to Imperial on Saturday.

NASEEM AS NOOR JEHAN!

Author Of "Vachan" Writing Story For Minerva

Considerable activity is reported from Minerva Studios.

Having released their topical and thought-provoking sociological picture, "Divorce" (which was seen last week by Minister Latthe), Producer-Director Sohrab Modi is busy completing "Pukar", a story of Moghal days in which beautiful Naseem appears as Empress Noor Jehan. Another notable player in the cast will be Chandramohan. The scenario, songs and dialogues of "Pukar", we understand, have been written by Kemal Amrohri who wrote that successful play "Jailor".

The Minerva Studio, we understand, are busy producing a two-reeler comedy which will be shown, when completed, along with "Divorce". This is a welcome innovation as the development of comedy "shorts" will help to reduce the tedious length of an average Indian film. This comedy has been written by Agajani Kashmiri, the young author who wrote Bombay Talkies' "Vachan" who is also writing the scenario of a full-length feature film for Minerva.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE DRAMA

Last Friday's Amateur Programme At Capitol

(From A Correspondent)

Before a packed house an excellent dance programme was staged at Capitol on Friday in aid of A. C. Chatterjee Memorial Hall and Bengali Educational Society. The programme included wide range of dance themes, folk dances and traditional including a dance drama of the famous play of Kalidasa beautifully performed by the children of Anglo-Bengali School with dialogues and songs in Bengali.

P. JAIRAJ,
who plays the male lead in "Bhabi," Bombay Talkies' film at Roxy.

The first part of the programme was a great classical order and Enakshi Rama Rau, the well-known dancer was outstanding in her solo and group dances supported by Rookmini and Kamalini Khatau. Her grace and poise was wonderfully harmonised with the background music. Rookmini and Kamalini Khatau opened the programme with a charming dance in Tanjore technique.

Mira Devi gave an Ocean dance according to Bharat Natya Shastra and a quick rhythmed Kathak dance in Firefly.

Romila Shroff Manipuri dance was rather too classical and an item of which her teacher Navakumar who accompanied on mridang, should have felt proud of but she lacked expression. Gopal Pillai the Kathakali dancer with Sukhendu Dutt was quite nice.

DANCE DRAMA

A great success was the presentation of Shakuntala with lovely colourful costumes done in Tagore style and an unique production in Bombay. An entire dance drama like this in dance and expression has not been done in Bombay before excepting the two performances given by Shantiniketan girls. A big item like that with such young girls was a bold attempt on the part of organisers but the whole show was very very commendable and should be an example for others to follow. Bibha Bose as Shakuntala was exquisite and extremely graceful full of expression and beautiful movements. The young girl Bani Naha charmed the audience with her dance and freedom of movement. The music throughout was appropriate and tunes melodious.

SHALL WE PRODUCE

Raw Film In India?

Great Scope For New Industry

The question of duty on imported raw film has been agitating the minds of Indian film producers for some time and many representations have been made in this connection to the Government of India.

Now it is understood there is a move to start manufacture of raw film in India. The scheme which has not yet been fully developed is said to be under consideration of several leading industrialists of the country.

It is possible that the scheme will be placed before the National Planning Committee to be considered as a part of the larger scheme for a more ambitious and better organization of the Indian film industry.

The extent of the potential market for such an industry can be gauged from the fact that during 1937-38, no less than 7 crore feet of raw film (of a total value of Rs. 25,44,444) was imported into India.

"Mother India" At Opera

The Indian Cine Pictures maiden production "Mother India" will open at the Royal Opera House on Saturday 21st instant.

The film features Ghulam Mohamed, Sharifa, Pramila, etc.

It will be recalled that it was shown privately to the Viceroy in Delhi and later to a select gathering of ladies including Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Subarayan, etc.

"Bhagva Zenda," Marath historical subject, is also well under way and the unit is proceeding to Bhor state for outdoor scenes early next week.

CHHAYA DEVI,
who is featured in Film Corporation of India's forthcoming film "Rise."

THESE "TALKIE TEAMS"

Should They Be Split Now And Then?

A "Cine Critic" writes in the "Hindustan Times", (Delhi):—

The popularity of talkie teams are being exploited to such a great extent in the West as well as in the East that they have reached a stage when they cease to be popular but have become stale.

MAMA BHAT,
whose marvellous performance turns "My Son" into a powerful sociological document.

At least in the West the talkie teams are reserved for particular theme of stories and as such the fan who like such themes alone may visit them. For example the popular Fred Astaire-Ginger Roger's team is mainly used for musical and dance comedies the Laurel and Hardy team for light comedies and the Powell-Loy team for sophisticated crime comedies and so on. But in the East once a team is found popular they are used for any sort of story. In this the apparent popular team of Ranjits—Billimoria and Madhuri has become very stale and it is high time they made an effort to split it. By repeating such teams in many pictures the characteristics and failings of the actors and actresses become more apparent and glaring to the fans and consequently the interest and enthusiasm to see them wanes away. But on the other hand if the popular team is split for a short period and brought in again when the period of separation has infused a greater anticipation to see them, in the minds of the fans, the return will be really triumphant.

The Devika Rani and Ashok Kumar team was almost on the verge of becoming stale when fortunately it was split up and the picture 'Jeevan Prabhat' was pretty good in spite of the absence of Ashok Kumar or perhaps even better than the pictures made by the team excepting 'Achut Kanya'. We now all anticipate the return of the team in Nirmala.

In this connection the New Theatres Ltd. of Calcutta should be congratulated for the dexterity with which they casted their stars and given us, their fans, a variety of simple, pleasing and excellent entertainments.

Shareefa in a scene from "Mother India," coming to Opera House this Saturday.

Jagirdar (who puts over an excellent performance) and Naseem in "Divorce," Minerva film at Krishna.

General Films' Next—

The eternal triangle, the conflict of emotions when a man's heart is pulled in opposite directions by two women or a woman's by two men has provided the groundwork for some of the greatest stories in the world. But each author looks at the problem from a different angle and no one can make bold to say that all its manifold facets have yet been explored. The story of General Films' next picture, "Pati-Patni" shortly to be released is built round the same eternal triangle.

A young man sent to England by a doting father returns after duly finishing his legal training but his stay abroad has Westernised him and he loses touch with the young wife whom he has left behind. This in itself is tragedy enough but matters are complicated still further by a beautiful young widow in the offing, a member of the modern smart set. As regards the widow herself, things take another twist with the presence of a scoundrelly admirer who is prepared to go to any length to gain his ends.

Shobhana Samarth whose performance in the leading role in "Industrial India" has attracted much attention, here appears in the role of the fashionable widow. There is no doubt that she will further enhance her well-deserved reputation as an actress when "Pati-Patni" is released.

Amina who played the leading role in "Chandrarao More", the first picture of General Films is seen in "Pati-Patni" as the young and orthodox wife of the England returned Barrister.

TAMIL PICTURES IN BOMBAY

"Tamilian" writes:—

I read with great pleasure in your issue of 8th instant, that the South Indians of Bombay will be able to witness the musical Tamil Picture "Musiri Tukaram" early in the month of February.

Can the Exhibitors responsible for the screening of the above picture, kindly arrange for a night show on the Shivratri day, so that the South Indian residents can enjoy their holiday by seeing a good picture. Generally even ordinary pictures are screened for 4 or 5 shows, and I am at a loss to know why this good picture should be screened only for two shows.

"It's True" Booked For Central

It was a day in the first week of this month and almost midnight-mercury somewhere near 43—rains pouring in torrents with cold blast and a crowd of 500 men, women and children, ill-clad at that, climbing the hundred odd steps from the banks of the holy river Ganges to take shelter in the temple of Shiva, the only place where they could take shelter from the turbulent elements.

But believe it or not, this was only a scene in Saraswati Cinetone picture "It's True" being directed by Choudhary and all the above-mentioned effects were created by the studio technicians. The picture is booked for Central.

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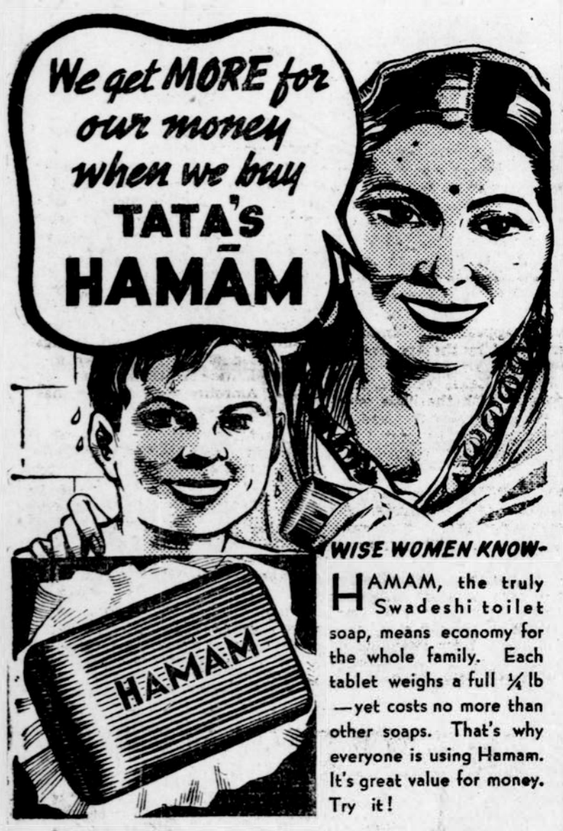

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HORNIMAN NOT FIGHTING AGAINST CONGRESS

Says He Is Fighting For Congress, And Maintenance Of Congress Principles And True Congress Purity, In His Appeal To Voters

In the course of his appeal to voters Mr. B. G. Horniman, Chairman of the Poor People's Party who is standing as a candidate for the forthcoming Municipal elections from Dadar-Matunga-Sion Ward says:—

"You are aware that I am standing as a candidate for Matunga-Sion ward for the Municipal Election on February 7th. 1939.

I am not going to make any special or specific appeal to you or any other voter to vote for me. I stand on my own record of service to the City of Bombay which I think is sufficient to justify me in offering you my services for the next four years as a member of our Corporation.

I need hardly make any promises. I hope to devote myself without fear or favour and with unintermittent zeal to the cause of the people of this city. He would be a fool who attempted to make promises, on such an occasion—there are so many slums to be cleared, so many grievances to be redressed, so many dreary lives into which it must be our object to bring light and hope and all this makes our task one of almost superhuman difficulty.

But we have to try. I have tried and done my best in the past.

RECORD OF SERVICE

Whatever my blunders or mistakes and failures may have been they have been directed by a conscience actuated solely in your service, and I think I have done some service to you and the City.

I stand here as a man of many weaknesses and failings but I can say with truth that I have never swerved from a principle or attempted to evade the performance of a public duty in my professional, public and political work.

I offer you the hand of friendship as a political and social fellow-worker in our march forward, in such grand association, to the goal of our victory over the forces that seek to stifle the aspiration of the people and frustrate their progress and crush their hopes.

There is one more word I must say before I conclude. We are not fighting against the Congress. Of that, I for one, will never be guilty. We are fighting for the Congress, and the maintenance of Congress principles and true Congress purity.

REDS FOR CIVIC ELECTION

Comprehensive Programme For City's Amenities

A manifesto has been issued by the Secretary of the Red Flag Municipal Election Committee on behalf of Labour group of candidates in the course of which it is stated:—

The unity of all the popular forces in the city is essential, especially the unity between the forces of labour and that of the Congress.

We the representatives of labour (Communist) welcome the fact that the Congress is making a co-ordinated effort to run the elections on the basis of a popular and democratic civic programme. At the same time we emphasize the fact that a united front between organised labour and the Congress ought to have been achieved.

In order to be true to the working-class and to the Red Flag on the one hand, and to the Congress and the cause of the united Front on the other, we had no other course open but to *set up independent candidates only for such seats in ...working-class constituencies for which the Congress has not set up any candidates.*

While welcoming the fact the Congress in its manifesto has taken its stand on a programme of remodelling the civic life in the interest of the people as a whole with a special attention to the poorer sections of the city population, we wish to lay special stresses on the following specific working class demands. We pledge ourselves as working class representatives to fight for them:—

(1) Slum clearance and a large scale housing scheme for the working class providing cheap sanitary and healthy living conditions.

(2) Regulation of rent, elimination of profiteering by house owners.

(3) Provision of more parks, pools, and open spaces etc., in the working-class area of the city.

(4) Opening of more free dispensaries, maternity wards, mother and child "Centre" and the Provision of milk to needy children.

(5) Free and compulsory primary education. More free libraries Municipal Halls and Theatres in the Labour area.

(6) Taking over by the Municipality, the city transport facilities (tram and bus service) and other public utilities ensuring the elimination of profiteering by private firms and the provision of cheap transport for the citizens.

Workers, Brothers, the candidates set up by the Red Flag Municipal Election Committees are well-known to you. They are the leaders whom you have chosen and backed through many struggles during the last ten years. They are identified with all that the Red Flag stands for. They have suffered years of jail in the cause of the working class, and in the cause of our country's freedom.

Cast all your votes in favour of Red Flag candidates. Remember a vote for the Red Flag is a vote against the Black Bill.

A vote for the Red Flag is a vote for Congress-Labour Unity.

A vote for the Red Flag is a vote against all reactionaries who oppose the working-class and the National Congress.

ELECTRIC WORKERS' STRIKE THREATENED

Allahabad Municipal Board Considers Situation

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 16.

Allahabad Municipal Board considered to-night the menacing situation created by the threatened electric workers' strike on January 18. The Electric Supply Company has assured the Board that they have taken all the measures to face strike, and would see that the system of waterworks etc., maintained by the Board does not break down for want of electricity. The Superintending Engineer of Electric Company appeared before the Board's meeting to-night and gave assurance to this effect.

SUGGESTIONS TO POSTPONE STRIKE.

Several questions were put to him. He said that the Labour Commissioner who came to enquire in the matter was supplied with all facts regarding the labourers' grievances, and he is likely to give his report in a week or two. He suggested postponement of the strike in the meantime.

Mr. R. N. Basu, the Chairman of the Board told the Engineer on behalf of the Board that the Electric Company should try to remove the legitimate grievances of the labourers. There was feeling in the Board, he said, that there was insecurity of service in the Electric Company and other grievances which should be removed by the Company. He expressed sympathy of the Board with the labourers' demands. The Board formally passed a resolution expressing its sympathy with the workers.

PROMINENT MUSLIMS GO FOR HAJ

The Scindia Steam Navigation Company's "El Madina" sailed 468 pilgrims for Jeddah via Karachi on Saturday the 14th instant at 6 p.m.

Prominent among the pilgrims sailed were The Hon'ble Mr. Abdul Razaak Abdul Sattar Sait of Calcutta, Member of the Council of State, Mr Yusuf Abdullah Fozan, Representative of His Majesty King Ibn Saud of Hedjaz in India, Mr. Abdur Rehman Al-Ghosaibi, Khan Bahadur Fazil Karim, Shipping Master, Calcutta, Mr. Esa Yusuf, Mr. Yusuf, the two Chinese Parliamentarians who recently toured India and interviewed all the eminent Indian leaders, and Hayanat Pir Ghulam Hyder Julani Naquibul Ashraf of Hania Syria.

There was a very large and distinguished gathering on the wharf.

PATNA.—Four out of the eight members of the Labour Enquiry Committee, namely, Babu Rajendra Prasad Dr. Radhakamal Mukherji Mr. R. K. Bhakale, Prof. R. K. Saran visited on Monday the Sri Bihariji Mills and the Madho Mills, and the Patna Iron Foundry. As a result of the persuasion by the visitors, the authorities of the Patna Iron Foundry agreed to place the workers who are now on daily wage basis on the monthly wage basis.—United Press.

Ranade Day In Poona

Dr. Mahajani's Hopes About Liberalism

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA Jan. 16.

"Liberals may not despair of their future. If democracy must live, as it must, liberalism must also live. I personally have no doubt that sooner or later democracy must emerge triumphant and so liberalism which is the necessary condition of democratic ideals," said Dr. G. S. Mahajani, M. L. C., speaking here this evening on the occasion of Ranade Day under the auspices of the Deccan Sabha in the Gokhale Hall.

Referring to the late Mr. Justice Ranade as a man of massive intellect and the fountain-head of all springs of public life in this province Dr. Mahajani said that he was the founder of the school of liberalism in this country. As the first graduate of the Bombay University, Ranade supplies an illuminating illustration of the policy underlying the famous and much maligned minute of Lord Macaulay.

Turning to higher education, the lecturer said that Government in these days are not spending as much as they should on higher education. Ample ground exists to expand the amount now being spent. He referred to the cut in the allotment of the Dakshina fellowship in favour of primary education. "We do not wish to be understood as in any way opposing mass instruction in our advocacy of higher education," said Dr. Mahajani quoting Ranade's writing in support of his argument. "It is no doubt essential to the progress of the nation as a whole that the education of the masses should go hand in hand with the education of the higher classes. We only wish to assert that Government would be committing a serious error in severing its connection with higher education and looking only after the education of the masses. He observed that the Government of Bombay have not treated higher education in a just way.

Speaking on the future of liberalism in India he said that there is no reason to be pessimistic. The present circumstances, intense nationalistic sentiment, economic imperialism and [illegible] threats of war conspire to create a tendency towards concentration and centralisation of [illegible]. The consequence of this is a curtailment of individual liberties and a progressive regimentation of the masses even in countries hitherto enjoying a democratic must live, as it will, liberalism will also live.

"It was no accident," Dr. Mahajani continued, "that the century which followed the intensified application of the principle of division of labour was the great century of human emancipation. The new mode of production brought in by the industrial revolution envisaged a social order based on the harmony of interests among widely separated but collaborating men and communities. The mission of liberalism was to develop the principles by which mankind could readapt its habits to the industrial revolution because liberalism is a line of policy which seeks to reform the social order to meet the needs and fulfil the promise of a mode of production based on the division of labour as against collectivism. But liberalism stopped short on this true way of progress and there was a cultural lag in the society while the repaid industrialism went on apace. That intellectual mistake brought the world to the verge of a precipice. India is in a position to profit by these mistakes. It must now be the programme of Liberals to regulate and adjust social relations limiting maximum profits and monopolisation in industrial sphere so as to let private enterprise full growth. It is thus possible to ameliorate the condition of the masses without adopting the dangerous principles of collectivism and its attending evil of dictatorial form of Government."

INDIAN LABOUR EMIGRATION

Demand From Malaya: Ceylon's Need For Indian Labour

NEW DELHI: (By Mail).

How recovery in Malayan tin and rubber industries resulted in an exodus of Indian labourers to Malaya, is revealed in the latest annual report of the Commissioner of Labour, Madras, for the year 1937 on the working of the Indian Emigration Act.

There was an increased demand for labour in Malaya, and this demand coupled with the low rates of wages in agricultural districts of Madras resulted in an increased flow of labour to Malaya year before last.

Nearly 44,000 emigrants, consisting of about 28,000 males and 16,000 females, recruited by Kanganies or assisted to emigrate, passed through Madras and nearly 11,000 through Negapatam. Labourers who went as deck passengers paying their own passage, numbered 7,000 at Madras and 39,200 at Negapatam.

The wages offered in Malaya were 50 cents, or 12.6 annas for a nine-hour day, for male workers about the age of 16; 40 cents or 10 annas for female labourers above 15; and 10 to 20 cents or 2 annas 6 pies to 5 annas for children above 10.

Skilled emigrants registered at Negapatam numbered 229 and at Dhanushkodi port 124. Twenty-four emigrants reputed to be the agents of silk merchants of Hyderabad (Sind) bound for Saigon, Java and other places passed through the port of Madras under permits. Majority of the skilled emigrants were either dancers, singers and musicians or shop assistants and cooks.

Abouth 6,571 emigrants from Malaya and 10,322 from Ceylon were repatriated or assisted to return to India. Emigrants returning at their own expense are estimated to number 5,900 from Malaya and 37,600 from Ceylon. The scheme sanctioned by the Ceylon Government for the repatriation of surplus labour affected by the tea and rubber restriction scheme continued to operate till about May 1937. About 5,258 persons were repatriated under this scheme.

It was a common complaint that the labourers were asked to leave Ceylon when after having settled there for a number of years they had lost all touch with their relatives and friends in India and had nothing to fall back on. Returned emigrants at Dhanushkodi or Mandapam without sufficient funds to continue their journey home, were helped by the Protector with train fare, mileage and 'batta' or food.

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"BASUMATI" OFFICE SEARCHED

Action Under Sedition Section Of I.L.P.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

On the strength of a warrant issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, under Section 124-A I.P.C., (sedition) the offices of the "Dainik Basumati," a nationalist paper, printed in the Bengali language were searched this afternoon.

It is alleged that the search relates to the publication of a signed article entitled "Kali Pujah and Ramzan" by Balai Dev Sharma.

Copies of the issue in which the article has appeared the manuscript and other documents connected with it were seized.—A.P.

"HYDERABAD DAY"

Aryan League To Start Satyagraha On Jan. 22

SHOLAPUR, Jan. 15.

A statement issued by the Arya Congress office here states that January 22 will be celebrated as the "Hyderabad Day" all over India and that soon after Satyagraha will be launched on behalf of the International Aryan League. United Press.

Jaipur Maharaja Cannot Receive Marwari Deputation

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.

The President of the Marwari Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, has received a reply from the Military Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Jaipur regretting His Highness's inability to receive a deputation of the Chamber in connection with the ban placed on the entry of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj into the Jaipur State. The Military Secretary points out that His Highness had no time to conduct public business during his present brief visit to Bombay.—A.P.

Trilokeker Birth Day

(From Our Correspondent).

MADANAPALLE (By Mail).

The staff of the Theosopic High school Madanapalle observed the 63rd Birth day of Mr. C. S. Trilokeker, principal, a large gathering of local gentry were present. It may be recalled that Chintman Sukerj Trilokeker, M. A., is the only eminent Maharatta Educationist in South India who has rendered signal service to the cause of National Education for a period extending over 30 years. It was he who was responsible for the growth of the Theosophical College at Madanapalle from its infancy. Several Gentlemen spoke on the occasion.

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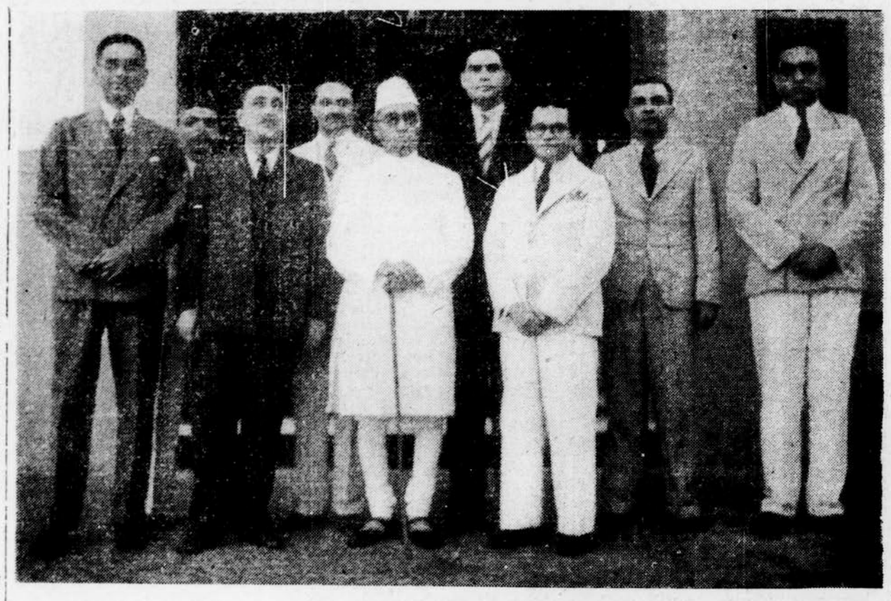

Sir Cowasji Jehangir (second from left) presided over a meeting of the Parsi Young Men's Association on Monday evening at Green's Hotel when Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M. L. A. (centre), addressed the gathering on the part played by Parsis in the economic and industrial development of India.

QUESTION OF RUPEE RATIO

Punjab Refuses To Fall In Line With Bombay

LAHORE: Jan. 17.

The Hon. Mr. Manoharlal made the following statement in the Punjab Assembly to-day:—

In acknowledging a demi-official communication from the Hon. the Finance Minister, Bombay Government, on the subject of the Rupee-Sterling Ratio, the Hon. Finance Minister, Punjab, said that, for the reasons given below the Punjab Government had decided not to join in the representation made by the Bombay Government. The reasons were detailed as follows:—

1. It is far from certain that the currencies of the world have been so stabilised as to justify the proposed step.

2. Taking into consideration all the circumstances of the world market, we are not convinced that the effect of devaluation will be to stimulate exports and its effect in raising the prices of agricultural produce is problematical.

3. The immediate prejudicial results are certain, viz., the consumer will undoubtedly suffer from a rise in the price of imported goods (an increase in the price of imported cloth will be particularly hard on the Punjab.

(b) Sterling liabilities will increase. Our estimated expenditure in England during the current year is £4,23,462. If the Ratio is 18d. our liability would amount to Rs. 56,46,040 with 16d. Ratio this liability will increase to Rs. 63,51,930, i.e., an increase of Rs. 7,05,890. It will have a much greater effect on the Government of India, with consequences prejudicial to Provincial advances, and will presumably involve an increase in Central taxation.

(c) There will be much speculation in Exchange and disturbance in the Money Market with consequent harm to trade and industry.—A.P.

A. I. C. C. MEMBER HANDLED ROUGHLY

Traffic Constable's Alleged Misbehaviour

(From Our Correspondent).

JUBBULPORE: Jan. 16.

Public feelings are reported to be running high in Narsinghpur Sub-Division over the rude behaviour of a police constable in brutally assaulting a prominent Congressman, who is also member of the A.I.C.C.

It transpires while Niranjan Singh, a member of the All-India Congress Committee, was proceeding to attend the Brahman hat fare, held on the Bank of Nerbuda he noticed a traffic constable behaving rudely with pedestrians in regulating traffic. He resented this and requested the latter to behave rather politely.

This, it is alleged, provoked the constable and he fell upon Niranjan Singh, thrashing him badly.

In the meantime Mr. Raghunath Singh Kiledar and other Congressmen rushed and rescued Niranjan Singh and saved the situation from taking an ugly turn.

Mr. Nanasaheb Jagadale (garlanded), leader of Kolhapur State ryots, proceeding from Miraj to Kolhapur to offer "Satyagraha" there.

MANDRA BHON RLY. COMPANY LTD.

Chairman Complains Of Road Competition

The 26th ordinary general meeting of The Mandra Bhon Railway Company, Ltd. was held on the 12th instant at the registered office of the company in Bombay. Mr. F. F. Stileman, the Chairman in the course of his speech said:—

"You will have seen from the comparative statement of traffic statistics given in the Report that the number of passengers carried during the year under review and the earnings therefrom show a considerable decline as compared with the previous year. This is due to severe road competition. Your Agents have suggested further action such as the immediate introduction of competitive fares, the addition of more trains, careful study of timings suitable to the Public and increase in the speed of transport wherever possible. I am gratified to note that the Working Administration propose to take certain steps on these lines as from 1st April 1939, although they have not, as yet, accepted our suggestion that fares should be made more competitive except in the case of the special Road-cum-rail service I have just mentioned. I hope that they will see their way to make fares attractive for all travel on your Railway as your Agents have been most encouraged by the success in challenging motor competition which has attended the introduction of lower fares combined with popular train timings on certain other Branch Lines for which they are Agents.

In the case of goods traffic you will see there has also been a considerable reduction during the year and this, I am informed, is mainly due to poor crops for which unfortunately there is no remedy. I trust, however, the Working Administration will not lose sight of the need for measures to prevent motor lorries from making inroads into the Railways higher-rated commodities.

There is little I need say on the subject of the Accounts. With rebate assistance to the extent of Rs. 69,268-13-9 as against Rs. 49,104-3-7 for the previous year the resulting net profit enabled your Directors to recommend payment of a final dividend at the rate of 4-1 2 p.c. making 4-1|4 p.c. for the year which is the same as last year. The balance of Rs. 2,514-14-4 has been carried forward into the current year's accounts.

Wardha Letter

TRIPURI DELEGATES FROM NAGPUR

Khare Group And Socialists Defeated

(From Our Correspondent.)

WARDHA, Jan. 15.

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Gnatwai, Purnemchand Awari, Pannalal, Yusuf Shariff, ex-Minister C. P. and Udaram Pehelwan were returned as delegates to Tripuri Congress defeating the Khare group and Socialists. Among those who were defeated were Mrs. Anasuyabai Kale, Bhikulal Chandak, Sheorey and others.

JAIPUR BAN ON BAJAJ.

A public meeting was held here last night when the Jaipur ban on the entry on Seth Jamnalal Bajaj in that state was condemned. Mr. Karandikar was the principal speaker.

BATA FACTORY STRIKE ENDS

CALCUTTA, Jan. 16.

The representatives of Bata Shoe workers, who had gone on strike, met Mr. M. L. Khaitan and Mr. J. Bartos, Managing Director of Bata Shoes, to-night and discussed terms of settlement in the presence of Mr. J. C. Gupta, M.L.A., and arrived at a settlement. The strike has, therefore, been ended and usual work will be resumed on Thursday morning.

The representatives of the workers requested Mr. Khaitan and Mr. Bartos to forgive and forget. The management assured that there would be no victimisation and promised sympathetic treatment as before.

Both parties have signed a written memorandum embodying terms of settlement.—A.P.

Authorities Take Possession Of Parishad Cars

(From Our Correspondent)

JAMNAGAR, Jan. 16.

Two cars of Rajkot bearing No. 242 and 213 used by the Parishad for propaganda in villages going to Rajkot were taken possession of under the plea of examination. It is understood the Parishad propaganda is sought to be prevented by this holdup of cars. Mr. Gokuldas, Secretary of the Parishad, protested to the authorities but they refused to return the cars without fine of Rs. 36 for each.

PREPARATIONS AT TRIPURI

Pandal To Accommodate Two Lakhs Of People: Nagar Arrangements

(From Our Own Correspondent).

NAGPUR, (By Mail).

Tripuri is 7½ miles from Jubbulpore and 4 miles from Madan Mahal Station. The site for the Congress Nagar is on the Nagpur-Jubbulpore road and is 100 yards away from the Narbudda Bridge.

The Reception Committee will close 1 mile road on either side of the bridge, for vehicle traffic so that no accident may occur at the time of the session.

The state is a hilly one, and even if it rains, as it generally happens in March, foot paths and roads will not become muddy and little or no inconvenience will be caused to the delegates.

The skeleton of the delegate camps are practically ready. Within the course of the next week, they will be covered by 'Tatas' and final touch will be given. The delegate camps are double faced and are about 3 furlongs long and 3 furlongs wide. Between two rows of delegate camps foot paths of about 6 feet in breadth are kept.

MAHATMAJI'S HUT

Mahatma Gandhi's hut is about 2 furlongs behind the delegate's camps and the site chosen by the Reception Committee is unique. The hut faces the 'Narbudda'. At dawn and at sunrise the scenery is enchanting. Behind the Narbudda is the lofty peak of the Satpura Mountain

An area of about 200 Sq. yards has been levelled for the hut, and in the middle a small tree has been kept. In front of Mahatmaji's hut, the huts for members of the Working Committee will be erected.

In Congress Nagar, only Gandhiji's car will be allowed and the road upto his hut is also under construction

Special huts for distinguished foreign guests will face the Delegate Camps and will be on the way to Bapuji's hut

PRESS TENTS

Visitors camps have been kept on the other side of the road, near village 'Tripuri' which is about 1½ miles away from Nagpur-Jubbulpore road.

Press Representatives will very much appreciate the place assigned for them. Press tents are situated on a small hill, from where representatives can easily see what is going on at other places.

In front of delegate camps, plan has been chalked for the Congress Exhibition, though the construction work has not yet started. Plots for stalls only have been marked. By the first week of February the whole exhibition will be ready.

PANDAL FOR OPEN SESSION.

Between the exhibition and visitors camps, the pandal for the open session will be erected. It will accommodate about 2 lacks of people.

SUBJECT COMMITTEE PANDAL

By the side of open session pandal, there will be a pandal for Subject Committee.

TRIPURI DELEGATES ELECTION

Delegates elections in Mahakoshal, Nagpur and Vidharbha provinces have ended and from the results known so far it can be easily said that last year's president will be re-elected by a huge majority. In Berar, Hon'ble Mr. Brijlal Bayani's group has captured 35 out of 45 seats In Nagpur, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj possesses absolute majority and so in Mahakoshal where Thakur Chhedilal's election to the Presidentship of Mahakoshal P. C. C. is sure.

At one time it was feared that the Khare episode will tell upon the election. But the election has shown beyond doubt what the majority of Congressmen think about it.

MAHATMA'S LETTER TO VIRAWALA

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT: Jan. 17.

After handing over Mahatmaji's letter to Mr. Virawala, one of the Bardoli emissaries saw him yesterday night. It is reported that certain terms are given to Virawala. In the interest of peace at Rajkot, it is urged, he with his 'jamat' should leave Rajkot and should not interfere with the settlement between the Raja and Praja. Otherwise the whole correspondence of Rajkot crisis between different persons, including Mr. Virawala, will be released to the Press.

It is reported that a meeting of the Council of Action will be held.

Yesterday the Resident advised the Chiefs in conference, it is understood, to satisfy the people in such a manner that they would not seek Congress help.

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BOMBAY AND MADRAS

Injustice To Tillers Of Soil

Analysis Of Prakasam Committee's Recommendations

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Leader of the Independent Labour Party has issued the following statement:—

I have read the recommendations of the Prakasam Committee on conditions in zamindari areas. While the view that the zamindar is no more than an assignee of revenue may be justified, the stand that the Committee has taken that no tenancy rights for the actual cultivator can accrue in lands belonging to proprietors of the soil is neither legally correct, nor just to the cultivator, nor conducive to the sound development of the agricultural economy.

It is legally incorrect, because grades of proprietory rights have grown during the last century and have been recognised in law in all tenancy legislations. It is uniust to the cultivator, because the purpose of fixing a low rent or revenue is to leave a wide surplus for him and to provide him with a living income, to improve his farm and tide over scarcity years, and not to create a large number of smaller zamindars to enrich themselves both at the expense of the zamindar and the cultivator

It is against the interests of agriculture, because proprietary interests ought not to be allowed to exploit land as a property for rack-renting the cultivator as against its conservation for use for agricultural purposes.

The report of the Prakasam Committee is nothing more than an assessment of the distribution of the rackrent collected from the cultivators among the superior holders.

MR. PRAKASAM'S RECENT REPLIES TO A QUESTION IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT TENANCY LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN IN RAYATWARI AREAS BECAUSE RAYATWARI HOLDERS ARE PROPRIETORS OF THE SOIL SHUTS OUT ALL HOPES OF ANY GOOD COMING TO THE CULTIVATOR FROM THE CONGRESS MINISTRY.

I have no doubt that the Scheduled Class representatives in Madras will hot be a party to any legislation which, in the name of proprietary rights, creates a new class of rent receivers. And I think that any support given by them to any such legislation would be a grave betrayal of the interests of the cultivator.

Severe Criticism Of Bihar Govt.

Zamindars Held Responsible For Extreme Steps Adopted By Peasants

PATNA, Jan. 15.

A meeting of the Bihar Provincial Kisan Council was held on the 13th and 14th instant at Roora in the district of Gaya under the presidentship of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati.

Matters connected with the reception arrangement of the forthcoming Gaya Session of the All-India Kisan Conference were considered. Pandit Ramchandra Sharma was placed in charge of office work and Swamiji was requested to issue appeals for collection of necessary funds for the purpose.

It was also decided to urge upon Kisan workers to enrol at least 10 lacs of members of the Kisan Sabha in the province by the 31st January.

Then the following resolutions were adopted:—

This Council congratulates Pandit Jadunandan Sharma and other brave comrades and Kisans who have participated in the struggle for the just right of the Kisans of Roora.

This Council is definitely of opinion that in spite of sufficient opportunity being given and best efforts being made by the Kisans and their leader, Pandit Jadunandan Sharma, the matter could not be settled due to obstinate attitude and actions of the landlords and the local authorities. After the rejection of the proposal of arbitration by the zamindars and in view of the acts of the authorities, the kisans were not in a position to place much reliance on law and the authorities administering it. Any further delay on the part of the Kisans would have deprived them of their rights. They were, therefore, forced to make the extreme course of direct action. This Council lends its full support to their struggle and declares that the whole responsibility of forcing the Kisans to this course lies on the zamindars and the Government authorities.

This Council deplores the attitude of the Government in this connection and strongly condemns the attempts of the authorities of Gaya which they have deliberately made to frustrate the move of the president of the Gaya D.C.C. for a solution of the problem.

This Council assures the Kisans that it will carry on their struggle with full strength and delegates all powers of guiding and conducting it to Swami Sahajanand Saraswati.

Another important resolution was adopted approving the Baket struggle of the Kisans going on in the districts of Gaya, Monghyr, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga and Shahabad and urging upon Kisan workers and Kisans to observe non-violence even under gravest provocation.

The resolution further demanded that the Congress Ministry should adopt measures with a view to enabling Kisans to secure their legitimate rights in lands they cultivate without undergoing the fruitless processes of the existing tenancy laws in this respect.—United Press.

OUR LONDON LETTER

(Continued from Page 6).

one of the major facts of the political situation. Already in the spring of last year the Eden crisis signalised the first break-up in the Government camp. When Mr. Chamberlain threw over Mr. Eden in order to carry through the Anglo-Italian Pact, the resultant crisis awakened millions in the country, who did not fail to see in the issue of Mr. Eden's resignation the expression of a stand against the policy of surrender to Fascism. And since Munich this process has enormously developed. There is now an organised group of over 30 Conservative M.P.s who have openly signalised their opposition to the Chamberlain policy and they have many secret sympathisers in the ranks of Government supporters in Parliament. It has no doubt a wide support in the country.

Opposition From Universities

Mr. Chamberlain has already suffered a big blow in the first week of the new year which has been given to him by the Federation of University Conservative Associations. By 14 votes to 10 the conference of the Federation defeated the other day a resolution supporting Mr. Chamberlain's peace efforts, particularly in renewing friendship with Italy. The conference was representative of the Conservative Associations of all the universities in the country. To its annual meeting all the universities have the right to send elected delegates, whose views may be taken as typical of the members who have sent them. The resolution was submitted by Cambridge Association according to which at no time during 1938 were the majority of people of Britain prepared to go to war. In opposing the resolution representatives from Birmingham, Mr. Chamberlain's home town, suggested that if immediate withdrawal of Italian and German volunteers did not take place in Spain, the British Government should guarantee an export credit of £1,000,000 to the Spanish Government for arms manufactured in this country.

Revelations

Meanwhile the Conservative Central office is unhappy over the revelations made by the "Evening Standard"—a conservative paper—concerning the amounts which would-be Tory M.P.s are asked to guarantee before they will be selected as candidates. They fear that if the idea becomes widespread that candidates are chosen for their money rather than for ability, the electors may take umbrage at this insult to their intelligence, and take an independent line with their votes. The most disconcerting thing about the revelations is that they are being made by the candidates themselves. Constituencies are being mentioned where the candidate is expected to pay £1,000 a year and all election expenses. This means that, if elected, a normal Parliament would cost the M.P. about £6,000 and the 'innocents" are asking why people are prepared to pay this to earn a mere £3,000. In most cases where constituencies are put up to auction, I am told the member usually gives his salary back to the local organisation, because obviously to those who can afford these high prices, getting into Parliament is not done for the money so much as for the position, hopes of promotion, and social status.

It is also reported that there are similar accusations of Labour seats going to the highest bidder, though they are few and far between. The trade unions finance their own candidates, while the increasing number of non-trade union candidates are financed by the local parties, who collect the election expenses and the cost of running the organisation in a variety of ways, from jumble sales to penny-a-week collection from members, which is the recognised party method of getting money. Nor do Labour candidates spend as much on election as do the Conservatives. If they can get £250 for the fight they think they are in clover, even though their opponents may have four times that amount at their disposal.

Honour's List

The New Year's Honour's List is significant for two reasons. There is no lavishness of honours in the Indian list, which is understood to be due to the refusal of the Congress Governments to create new Loyalists for the British Throne. The list is also significant for the rewards that have been given to those who had anything to do with the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. Sir Nevile Henderson, the British Ambassador in Germany, was given the G.C.M.G. He was with Mr. Chamberlain at Munich. Mr. Basil Cochrane Newton, British Minister at Prague, was given the K.C.M.G. Mr. Frank T. A. Ashton-Gwatkin and Mr. William Strang both received the C. B. and Sir Alexander Cadogan got the G.C.M.G. Ashton-Gwatkin first of all accompanied Lord Runciman to Prague and then went with Mr. Chamberlain to Munich. Mr. Strang was first at Berchtesgaden and then at Munich. It is a pretty little list, but there is in it one curious omission. What has happened to Sir Horace Wilson?

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Jan 17

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	
3 1/2 per cent paper	98/5
4 per cent 1960/70	111/8
5 per cent 1945/55	115/6
BANKS	
Bank of Baroda	115/8
Bank of Hindusthan	31/4
Bank of India	149
Central Bank	32/12
Imperial Bank F P	1577/8
Imperial Bank P P	383/12
Indian Overseas Bank	46
Reserve Bank	114/8
Union Bank	5/15
TEXTILES	
Ahmd New Textiles	435
Ambica	255
Arvind	1245
Asok	210
Bharatkhand	2425
Bombay Dyeing	380
Buckingham and Carnatics	187
Calico	622/8
Central India	233/12
Century	241/4
Colaba	144/6
Delhi Cloth and Gen Mills	450
Gokak	146/14
Hukumchand	168/2
Indore	55
Jubilee	216/4
Khatau Makanji	117/8
Kohinoor	265/10
Laxmi Cotton	515
Madhusudan	200
Marsden	101/14
Morarji	135
Mysore	39/12
Nandlal Bhandari	77/4
New Great	221/14
Raipur	685
Rajnagar	205
Sajjan	97/8
Sassoon and Alliance	74
Sholapur	3225
Simplex	77/8
Swadeshi	220
Vishnu	1205
HYDRO ELECTRICS	
Andhra Valley Ord	1385
Tata Hydro Ord	150/15
Tata Power Ord	1267/8
ELECTRICS	
Ahmedabad Electrics	138/12
Ajmber Electrics	12/8
Amalgamated	12/6
Bombay Suburban	145
Bombay Tram	120/5
Surat Electrics	173/12
MISCELLANEOUS	
Alcock Ashdown	326/14
Associated Cements	115/8
Belapur	180/10
Bombay Burma New	162/8
Bombay Burma Old	478/12
Bombay Steam	213/12
Bombay Telephone	79/4
B- B Petrol	3/13
Burma Corporation	5/15
Dalmia Cement	9/12
Indian Bleaching	123/2
Industrial Investment Tr	42
Indian Radio Ord	385/10
Indian Radio Defd	390
Indian Copper	2/2
Indian Iron	29
Mysore Sugar	30
Port Canning	69/8
Premier Construction	64
Rohtas Industries	25/8
Scindia Steam	18/13
Shivrajpur	45
Tata Oil	42/8
Tata Steel ordy	301/8
Tata Steel Defd	1402/8
JUTES	
Birla Jute	16
Howrah	52/9
Hukumchand	5/14
Kamarhatty	479
Kanknarrah	369
Lawrence	362
Reliance	59/8

COTTON RESEARCH IN INDIA

Rupees Ten Lakhs Spent Annually

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16.

A network of schemes for the improvement of cotton research in the Provinces is being financed annually to the extent of over 10 lakhs of rupees by the Indian Central Cotton Committee, the Technological Laboratory of which will be visited by His Excellency the Viceroy during the month. The Laboratory is doing pioneer work in the matter of cotton research, and is at grips with some of the most urgent problems facing the cotton growers and millowners.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Jan. 17.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s—	
February	97 0 0
April	97 0 0
June	98 0 0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s—	
February	108 0 0
April	108 0 0
June	109 0 0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s.—	
February	144 8 0
April	145 0 0
June	145 8 0
Yarn No. 40s.—	
February	222 0 0
April	223 0 0
June	224 0 0

Traffic Relief Association's Meeting

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.

The Joint Hon. Secretaries, the Passengers' and Traffic Relief Association, write:—

The Passengers' and Traffic Relief Association has viewed with grave concern the incidents of pulling alarm chains to stop trains on the G. I. P. Railway.

The Association have already represented the grievances of passengers in this connection and are further considering the matter at a specially convened meeting of their Committee, to be held to-day at their Office, at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, at 5 p.m. (S.T).

Passengers wishing to send their suggestions with regard to the changes required in the train service, are requested to do so, as early as possible. The Committee will also be glad to meet at the above meeting representatives from various stations on the suburban line and discuss with them the question at issue.

NO MORE A DIVIDED HOUSE

N. W. F. P. Ministers And Congress M.L.A.s Make Up Their Differences

PESHAWAR, Jan. 17.

After nearly 22 hours deliberations, the joint meeting of the Assembly Congress Party and the Board appointed by the Provincial Congress Committee at its last meeting at Kohat, under the chairmanship of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khanx to adjust, it is understood, the relations between the Assembly members and the Ministers concluded late yesterday night at the Premier's residence.

Great satisfaction and relief is felt in the Congress circles at the results of the deliberations and even the highest Congress officials of both the Party and the Provincial Organisation feel happy at the amicable settlement arrived at among all concerned and at the trend of discussions regarding various problems confronting the Congress Ministry in the province.

At one stage yesterday, before lunch hour, the "United Press" was given to understand that Dr. Khan Sahib, the Premier was believed to have declared that his Ministry was prepared to resign.

The meeting, it is learned, arrived at definite conclusions regarding the difficulties facing the Ministry in its go-ahead programme.—United Press.

KISANS' PETITION TO PREMIER & REVENUE MINISTER

(Continued from page 16.)

yesterday, paraded in the streets of the city early in the morning with red and tricoloured flags and singing kisan songs. Messrs Indulal and Pangarkar headed the procession.

Premier Kher and Mr. Morarji arrived at Killa Maidan, where the Kisans were holding meeting. Mr. Pangarkar presented to the Premier peasants' petition. He requested the Premier to order for the retrial of the kisans sentenced to imprisonment and reduce the rent to one-third.

Replying the Premier said that his Government was engaged in doing everything possible to improve the conditions of peasants in the presidency. He advised the peasants to follow the peaceful path of law and eschew violence.

Interrupting the Premier, Mr. Pangarkar said that nobody had preached the cult of lathi in Mandvi

Premier expressed satisfaction and concluded his speech with vague promises. After the Ministers had left the meeting, Mr. Indulal expressed deep regret that the Premier was thoroughly misinformed on Mandvi situation

Continuing Mr. Yagnik said if sahukars refused their demands, the peasants should continue their peaceful struggle till victory was secured.

GUJARAT PEASANT'S HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

(Continued from Page 16).

riginal who can still be seen roaming about the jungle tracts with bow and arrow, is slowly seeing the light of civilisation. With the ground-work which has already been prepared, the message of the Congress Ministry will not be lost upon the Bhil peasant.

Owing to the abundant growth of Mahuva flowers in jungle tracts the Bhil seems to have had great temptation for illicit liquor and it will be one of the problems before the Congress Ministry to devise an effective prohibition plan for the aboriginal areas. Owing to the proximity of the Central Indian States, the Bhil can safely evade the arm of the law by going with a basketful of Mahuva flowers to the frontier and set up his crude distillery. The only effective way by which prohibition could be made a success in this tract is by reforming the Bhil.

The Bhil Seva Mandal has been carrying on the necessary propaganda in the villages. The Congress Ministry which had asked for reports as to the ground-work done so far, seems to have encouraging news and it will not be long before the Bhil country is selected for the prohibition experiment, because the incorrigible Bhil is now amenable to reasoning

PEASANTS' PETITION TO PREMIER

(From Our Correspondent).

SURAT: Jan. 17.

Hundreds of Kisans of Mandavi Taluka and adjoining areas marched into the city this morning shouting "Inquilab Zindabad," "Kisan Sabha Zindabad," "Abolish the half-share of crops Systems," and "Reduce our Rents." Later they presented a petition to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Mr. Kher and the Revenue Minister, the Hon. Mr. Morarji Desai and urged the reduction in the customary rent extorted from them by the landlords, release of the Kisan prisoners recently sentenced to jail and the enactment of a suitable Tenancy Act for the permanent betterment of their condition.

The petition referred to above requests and urged that the new Act contemplated by the Ministry should abolish the extortion of half-share of crops in lieu of rent, fix the rent at not more than 1-1|2 times the Rent Revenue and abolish all systems of landlordism including the Talukdari, Inamdari, etc.

MADRAS ASSEMBLY

Tributes To Memory Of Raman Menon

MADRAS, Jan. 17.

The Madras Legislative Assembly commenced its January session this afternoon in a solemn atmosphere when before taking up the regular business of the day, the house, on the motion of the Premier, passed a condolence resolution, all members standing, recording its profound regret at the untimely death of Mr. K. Raman Menon, Minister for courts and prisons, and conveying its sympahy to the bereaved family. —A.P.

C. F. Andrews At Cuttack

CUTTACK, Jan. 17.

Mr. C. F. Andrews arrived here this morning. He is staying with the Hon. Mr. Biswanath Das, Premier as his guest during his stay here.

He was received at the station by the Hon. Mr. Nityanand Kanungo, Revenue Minister, Mr. Nabakrishna Choudhury, M.L.A. and others.

His visit is probably in connection with the organisation of help and relief to the Talcher refugees, whose number has now reached the figure, 31,000.—United Press.

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON THREE POINTS UP

Easier Trend On Stock Exchange Due To Political Uncertainty

GOLD STEADY: SILVER EASY

BOMBAY: JAN. 17.

NEW YORK COTTON

The Market was devoid of any activity owing to the dullness abroad. The uncertainty regarding legislative enactments hampered operations.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

General interest was lacking and prices showed the downward tendency. Minings were subjected to Continental selling. Oils ruled weaker.

BULLION

London Gold price was unchanged, whereas Silver was a bit lower on account of pressure.

Local markets were quiet with narrow fluctuations as majority of traders are awaiting further news from U. S. A.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1939

New York, Jan. 17.

Previous closing	8.38
To-day's opening	8.36
Difference	—.02
To-day's closing	8.41
Difference	+.03

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1939

Liverpool, Jan. 17.

Previous closing	4.80
To-day's opening	4.81
Difference	+.01
To-day's closing	4.80
Difference	Nil

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1939	Rs. 157-0
July August	Rs. 158-0

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 17.

The New York cotton was devoid of activity as the dullness abroad was checking business. The present uncertainty with regard to legislative enactments continue to hamper operations.

The trading in March commenced at 8.38 i.e. two points lower than the last closing. Prices declined on lower Liverpool cables and scattered liquidation under which the price gradually receded to 8.35.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, Jan. 17.

Broach April/May after opening at Rs 157 advanced slightly to Rs. 157-2 but thereafter declined to Rs. 156-8. The market closed finally at Rs. 156-10.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan. 17.

The following were the opening ranges:—

March (8.40/8.39) 8.37/8.36
May (8.13/8.13) 8.10/8.10
July (7.89/7.89) 7.84/7.84

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Jan. 17.

American January (4.86) 4.84
American March (4.83) 4.82
Egyptian January (6.91) 6.90
Egyptian March (6.79) 6.65

LONDON COMMODITIES

TEAS

London, Jan. 17.

Indian Pekoe (0-10 3/4) 0-11 1/4
Indian Pekoe higher (1-3) 1-6 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe (1-0 1/4) 1-0 1/4
Ceylon Pekoe higher (1-6) 1-6

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop January February (£20 3/8 value) £20 1/4 paid and buyers.
Dunlop January (£23 1/2) £23 1/2
Lightning January (£22 1/4) £22 1/4

RUBBER

Spot (8 1/16 paid and value) 8 paid and value
Forward April June (8 3/16 paid and sellers) 8 1/16 paid and buyers

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay January February (£16 1/16 sellers) £11 1/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata January (£12 9/16 sellers) £2 9/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata January (£10 7/8 sellers) £10 7/8 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandal February (£10 5/16 sellers) £10 1/4 sellers

METALS

Tin (£216 buyers £216 1/2 sellers. Quiet) £215 1/2 buyers £215 3/4 sellers. Steady.
Lead (£14 7/16 buyers £14 9/16 sellers. Barely steady) £14 5/16 buyers £14 7/16 sellers Steady.
Electrolytic Copper (£48 1/4 to £49 1/4) £48 to £49
Iron (102) 102

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Jan. 17.

The Liverpool wheat market closed with March being quoted at 55 3/4d.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Jan. 17.

Previous closing	4.67 11/16
To-day's opening	4.67 3/4
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.67 7/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Jan. 17.

Previous closing	mutilated
To-day's opening	4.67.56
To-day's closing	4.67.81

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London, Jan. 17.

Previous closing	mutilated
To-day's opening	177.15
To-day's closing	177.22

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Jan. 17.

London Exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.67.46 and then eased to 4.67.44 with later changes being small and insignificant.

Franc opened at 177.15 and then weakened slightly to 177.19 with the trend otherwise steady.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 15/16) 1-5 15/16
Paris on Bombay (13.236) 13.236
New York on Bombay (34.93) 34.95
Berlin or Bombay (86 7/8) 86 7/8
London on Milan (88.87) 88.85
London on Shanghai (0-8 5/16 nominal) 0-8 3/8 nominal.
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-8-8 1/2) £7-8-8 1/2
Silver (29 3/8d) 29 5/16d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (9/16 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 to 9/16 per cent
4 months (9/16 to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent
6 months (1 to 1 per cent) 1 to 1 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, Jan. 17.

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay tonight:—

"Speculators sold. India also sold. Business small. Market quiet."

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 17.

Spot (20 3/8d.) 20 5/16d—1/16
Forward (19 15/16d) 19 7/8d—1/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 17.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-8 1/2) £7-8-8 1/2

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 17.

Silver ready	52	5	6
Silver Maha	52	3	0
Silver Fagan	52	0	6

GOLD

Gold ready	37	3	6
Gold Maha	37	4	3
Gold Fagan	37	5	0
Sovereign	23	13	3

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, Jan. 17.

Wheat	4	11	6
Wheat May	3	10	6
Wheat September	3	10	3
Linseed May	5	3	6
Linseed September	5	6	0

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Jan. 17.

Liverpool wheat opened quiet with March quoting at 55 7/8d. The market was somewhat depressed despite encouraging Chicago cables and bullish French and Belgian crop reports, but subsequently it developed some steadiness.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Jan. 17.

Chicago wheat opened steady with May quoting at 0.68 1/2. The market was moderately active on scattered local support but the general demand was negligible in the absence of any encouraging news from abroad. The price later rose to 0.68 5/8.

3½% GOVT. LOAN

Closing Quotations

Bombay, Jan. 17.

3 1/2 per cent Government paper was quoted at Rs. 98/5 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Jan. 17.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £89 1/2

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Friday, January 6, £89 1/2
Monday, January 9, £89 1/2
Tuesday, January 10, £89 3/4
Wednesday, January 11, £90
Thursday, January 12, £89 3/4
Friday, January 13, £89 1/2
Monday, January 16, £89 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, Jan. 17. 4-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£96 3/4) £96 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£89 1/2) £89 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£110 3/4) £110 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£115) £115
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£105) £106
5 per cent Indian 1912-47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1945/59 (£101) £101 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent Australian Loan 1945/58 (£102 3/4) £102 5/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent (£70 3/8) £70 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 1/4) £98 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 3/4) £102 3/4
5 per cent Funding Loan (£107 3/4) £107 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£97 3/4) £97 3/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£107 1/4) £107

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 17.

The London Stock Exchange was generally quiet but steady.

Giltedged securities showed little activity. Three and half per cent was quoted at £89 1/2 i.e. unchanged from the previous close.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16-4 1/2) 15-9
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (55-7 1/2) 55-7 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 4 3/8) dol 4 1/4
Elec Music Industry (10-6) 10-1 1/2
Princhin Johnson (24-0) 24-0
Imperial Chemical (29-10 1/2) 29-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (59-9) 59-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£18 1/2) £18
Dunlop Rubber (23-6) 22-9
Unilever Ordinary (34-3) 33-7 1/2
Ford Motors (16-0) 16-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£39) £39
British American Tobacco Ordinary (95) 95
Carreas A (£8 1/2) £8 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (130-7 1/2) 130
P and O S N Company Deferred (21-7 1/2) 21-7 1/2
Distillers (88-0) 87-6
Bredford Dyes (3-0) 2-9
British Celanese (3-6) 3-3
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-1 1/2) 35 1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (26-6) 25-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-6) 2-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (22) 22
Inter Nickels (dol 56 3/8) dol 55 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (43-9) 42-6

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (17-0) 17-0
Bonaro Tea (36-3) 36-3
Empire of India (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£9) £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-0) 23-6
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (26-9) 26-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (41-3) 41-3
Burma Corporation (8-6) 8-6
Rio Tintos (£14 1/4) £13 7/8
East Rand Proprietors (54-4 1/2) 54-4 1/2
Rand Mines (£8 1/16) £8 1/16

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£15 7/8) £15 5/8
Associated Portland Cement (65-7 1/2) 64-1 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (85-0) 85-0
Sub Nigel (£11 1/2) £11 1/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (28-9) 28-1 1/2
Union Corporation (£8) £7 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Anglo Iranian (93-0) 89-4 1/2
Burma Oil (80-7 1/2) 80-7 1/2
Mexican Eagle (4-9) 4-6
Shell Transport (83-7 1/2) 80-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£36 1/4) £35 7/8

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£25) £24 1/2
London Midland and Ordinary (£11 7/8) £11 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£2 3/8) £2 3/8
Southern Def (£11 3/8) £11 3/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£119 1/2) £119
London Transport 'C' (£74 1/4) £74

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Jan. 17.

General Motors (dol 46 3/4) dol 47
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 32 1/4) dol 31 3/8
U S Common New Stock (dol 64 5/8) dol 64
U S Steel Preference (dol 117 1/4) unquoted.

RECORD GOLD PRODUCTION

Last Year's Output Shows Increase Of 5.5 Per cent Over 1937

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The world gold production for 1938 has increased by 5.5 per cent compared with 1937, which in itself was a record showing 7 1/2 per cent increase over 1936, according to the Union Corporation, which puts 1938 production at the new record of 36,700,090 fine Troy ounces, compared with the revised estimate of 34,783,000 for 1937.

Both estimates include an assumed Soviet production of five million ounces.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Late Rally In Gilt-Edgeds

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.

On the Stock Exchange, owing to the uncertainty surrounding European political situation prices in all sections tended to be easier, though Giltedged securities staged a late rally showing minor net changes. The actual selling pressure was small but continental offerings were encountered in some sections.

Among commodities, copper recovered partially from early weakness; nevertheless the present price level is giving rise to talk in some quarters of further curtailment of production in near future.

The foreign exchange market was quiet with sterling firmer in terms of all major currencies.

Wall Street opened easy.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Steel Corporation Strong

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

Jutes generally ruled quiet but steady and business was moderate. In Coals limited business was put through and rates were more or less unaltered Teas rather inactive.

Miscellaneous:—Steel Corporation of Bengal ordinary shares still continued strong feature and prices further marked up over yesterday's quotations, while other speculative issues more or less remained disinterested. Govt. Securities ruled quiet but steady.

Govt. Securities three and half per cent, G. P. 93/4, four per cent loan 1960/70 111/4, three per cent G. P. 88/4 small lot.

Reserve Bank 115 c div.

Railways:—Darjeeling Himalayan Rly. pref 107 small lot, Hardwar Dhra 126/8.

Cottons:—Elgin 11/2, Jiyajeerao cotton 14/10, Kesoram 6/8, Mohini Mills 10/12.

Coals:—Bengal 323, small odd lot, Bengal Giridih 2/10, Burrakur 13/6 do pref 136/8, Deoli 7/4, Equitable 136 small lot, New Manbhoom 31/4, Seebpore 19/8, Prem Sendra 9/4, West Jamuria 22/4 ct.

Jutes:—Agarpara 15/13, Alliance 21b, Bally 176, Birla 15/10, Chitavalash 12/6 small lots, Ft. William 225/8, Hukumchand ord 6/6, do pref 82 small lot Kelvin pref 151/8 small lot, Megna 25/4, Orient 165 small lot, Rameswara ord 5/8 small lot, Union 355 small lot, Albion pref 132 small lot, Anglo-India 318, Barnagore pref 57 small lots, Birla pref 119, Howrah 52/5, Kamarhatty 478, Lansdowne 146, small lot, Nuddea 41/8, Standard 260 small lot.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn. 5/15, Consolidated tin 6/1 ex div Indian copper 2/2 Tavoy tin 1/8, Dalmia cement ord 9/14, do defd 2/14, Bengal Telephone ord 18/2, Cuttack Elec. 8/4, Burn and Co., six per cent pref 129 small lot, Hukumchand Steel ord 7/10 do defd 2, Indian Iron 28/13, Indian St. Wagon pref 128, Steel Corpn. ord 11/15, do pref 97/8, Balmer Lawrie 258/8 small lot, Bararee Coke 17, Calcutta Safe Deposit 7/10, Dunlop rubber first pref 137 small lot, Indian National Airways pref defd 10/8, MacFarlane and Co. ord 4/4, ct do defd annas fourteen, B.B.P. 3/15, Bengal paper pref rupees fifty paid up 80 small lot, Titaghur paper b ord 14/2, do second pref 103/8, Humayun property ord 6, do pref 8/2, do defd 1, Midnapore Zemindary 76, Bengal Assam Steamship pref 100 c div samll lot, Buland 12/3, Carew and Co. 11/10, Shree Sitaram 11.

Teas:—Dhunseri pref 3, Tukvar 10/8, East India 7/10,

Debentures:—Six per cent 1926/42, Dhunseri tea 98/8, five and quarter 1938/50, Rohtas Industries 102, three and quarter per cent 1956/66, Howrah Bridge 102/8.—A. P.

Tenders For Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 17th January 1939. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,54,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-5-3 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-5-6 allotted approximately 74 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. One Crore, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 2-9-10 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 24th January 1939. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 27th January 1939. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 13th January 1939, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 4,83,25,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' intermediates will be sold from 18th January 1939 to 23rd January 1939 at Rs. 99-5-9 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' intermediates sold from 11th to 16th January 1939 amounted to Rs. 70,00,000.

BHULABHAI REFUTES CHARGES

Hopes Horniman Will Withdraw Them And Make Suitable Amends

Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, has issued the following statement:

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has decided to contest elections to the Municipal Corporation and after inviting applications have nominated candidates for various Wards. Naturally the non-Congress candidates are irritated at this decision. It is a matter of sincere regret, however, that my friend Mr. B. G. Horniman should have completely "swerved from anything like a principle and done no public duty or service" by the appeal that he has issued to the voters of Dadar-Matunga-Sion Ward. The Congress has put up candidates on their ticket for that Ward just as they have done in other Wards. Mr. Horniman did not apply to be selected as a candidate to contest on Congress ticket. But this does not entitle him to abuse the Congress organisation and those in charge of it in the City of Bombay in the language which he has employed. Not even a journalist can be excused for using words like 'chicanery and unscrupulous dishonesty' with reference to a man or a group nor could he decently use the words of those who have undertaken the duty of managing the Congress organisation in the City as "carrying out the vilest conspiracy that was ever concocted to ruin the greatest political institution."

DISINTERESTED PUBLIC SERVANT

I am sure if Mr Horniman rereads the language that he has used and the propriety of those words which I have referred to above, he would express regret for using them. Mr S. K. Patil has been one of the Secretaries of the local Congress organisation for more than 10 years and during that period he has naturally to fight displeased non-Congressmen and parties from time to time and even some persons within the organisation itself as a part of his duty in support of the organisation of which he is the Secretary and I think that it is nothing short of a scandal that a journalist in the discharge of public duty should allow himself to use language which Mr Horniman has used. Mr. Patil has been a disinterested servant of the public for a period of many years and no amount of calumny is likely to affect him in the eyes of the public in this City. But it would be improper on my part to allow such a calumny to remain uncontradicted.

CHARGES REFUTED

Besides, to call the other members of the organisation "a company of political group guilty of carrying out the vilest conspiracy," apart from the fact this charge is false, is hardly the language befitting a public man even when carrying on propaganda on his own behalf merely because an individual or a group do not agree with him.

On behalf of the organisation I refute this charge against Mr Patil of 'chicanery and dishonesty' and the charge against "the members of the organisation of being a party to vilest conspiracy," and I leave the public of Bombay to judge both the falsity of the charges and the propriety of the language in which it is couched.

I am surprised that Mr. Horniman should have preferred such unjustifiable charges against man or men who may happen not to agree with him in his views on some of the public questions in the City of Bombay and I am not without hope that when he reads this, he will withdraw these charges and make suitable amends for having made them.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Amritsar Municipal Schools To Be Closed On Jan. 26

AMRITSAR, Jan. 17.

By 13 votes to six the Amritsar Municipal Committee decided to close Municipal schools and offices on January 26 in celebration of the "Independence Day."

Earlier, when the meeting was considering the question of stopping grant to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals there was a loud explosion under the chair occupied by Khan Sahib Mian Hafiz Ullah and some pebbles as also a piece of a burnt hose were discovered underneath. Some took it for a bomb while others for a cracker. The Committee condemned this action.

The meeting was presided over by Sardar Harnamsingh Nagi, junior vice-President.—A.P.

Dr Pospisil, head of Czechoslovak Financial Delegation, was the guest of the Chancellor of Exchequer, Sir John Simon, at a private luncheon at eleven Downing Street on January 17.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, Jan. 17.

O S K s.s. Glasgow Maru of 4227 reg tons Capt K Sakate arrived from Yokohama via Japan Ports Singapore Penang Colombo with general cargo

James Finlay s.s. Clan Macilwraith of 2877 reg tons Capt G Mccoll arrived from Liverpool via Port Said and Aden with general cargo

B I S N s.s. Golconda of 3203 reg tons Capt W Samuel arrived from Calcutta via Madras and Colombo with coal and general cargo

Volkart Bros s.s. Hoegh Silverlight of 3186 reg tons Capt D Arnesen arrived from Vancouver via American Coast Ports Java Ports Madras and Colombo with general cargo.

SAILED

Killick Nixon s.s. City of Venice of 5492 reg tons Capt L Nicoll sailed for Liverpool Antwerp Dunkerk and Marseilles via Karachi Okha and Bedi Bunder with local and same bottom cargo.

Volkart Bros s.s. Hoegh Merchant of 2921 reg tons Capt J B Aslaksen sailed for Singapore via Alleppey and Colombo with local and same bottom cargo

L Edward's s.s. Lindenfels of 5193 reg tons Capt A Focke sailed for Karachi and Okha via Kathiawar and Malabar Coast Ports with passengers local and same bottom cargo.

L Edward's s.s. Goldenfels of 4845 reg tons Capt E Wiebke sailed for Port Said Antwerp Rotterdam Hamburg and Bremen with passengers local and same bottom cargo

B I S N s.s. Queda of 4760 reg tons Capt W S Williamson sailed for Karachi with local and same bottom cargo

LOADING

The following vessel booked for loading on 17-1-39.

S S Hoegh Silverlight (Vol B.) for Bahrein Basrah.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, Jan. 17.

2 Tannenfels 4833 Karachi 18-1 L Edwards
3 Queda 4760 Karachi 17-1 M M
5 Hoegh Merchant 2921 Singapore 17-1 Volkart Bros
6 Britannia 5276 Karachi 21-1 Anchor Line
7 Lindenfels 5193 Karachi 18-1 L Edwards
8 Nagpore 3226 Japan 18-1 M M
9 Clan Macilwraith 2878 Marmagoa 23-1 J Finlay
14 Goldenfels 4845 Antwerp 17-1 L Edwards
15 Kenya 4646 Durban 18-1 M M
16 City of Agra 3866 Liverpool 18-1 J Finlay

VICTORIA DOCK

2 Glasgow Maru 4227 Singapore 26-1 O S K Kaisya
4 Varela 1926 Busra 19-1 M M
10/11 Jalarajan 3148 Akyab 18-1 Scindia S N
3 Bandra 1895 Persian Gulf 18-1 M M

PRINCE'S DOCK

H Revati 250 N F N F Malabar Steamship
K Alipore 3241 N F N F M M

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Rawalpindi 2-2-39 P and O S N
Strathalian 9-2-39 P and O S N
Nirpura 24-1-39 P and O S N
Ranpura 19-1-39 P and O S N
Maloja 26-1-39 P and O

FROM HAMBURG

Kybfels 25-1-39 L Edwards
Grootekerk 22-1-39 L Edwards

FROM GOTHENBURG

Nagara 28-1-39 L Edwards
Tungsha 21-1-39 L Edwards

FROM NEW YORK

Pres. Harrison 9-2-39 F F Campbell
Pres. Van Buren 26-1-39 F F Campbell
City of Khios 24-1-39 F F Campbell

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 20-2-39 L Triestino

FROM GENOA

Conte Biancamano 6-2-39 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Carthage 3-2-39 P and O S N
Ryuun Maru 26-1-39 O S Kaisha
Victoria 1-2-39 L Triestino
Bri Monarch 20-1-39 N Y Kaisha
Hakodate Maru 28-1-39 N Y Kaisha
Glasgow Maru 18-1-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Verde 14-2-39 L Triestino
Chitral 20-1-39 P and O S N

FROM BASRA

Bankura 19-1-39 M M
Vasna 21-1-39 M M

FROM SYDNEY

Narkunda 28-1-39 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Karanja 4-2-39 M M
Winkfield 21-1-39 M M
Takliwa 21-1-39 M M

FROM CALCUTTA

Orna 26-1-39 M M
Sirsa 17-1-39 M M
Jalaputra 17-1-39 Scindia S N

FROM BASSEIN

Gogra 22-1-39 M M

FROM KARACHI

Vita 19-1-39 M M
Tannenfels 24-1-39 L Edward

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Carthage 4-2-39 P and O S N
Banglore 18-1-39 M M
Comorin 11-2-39 P and O S N
Chitral 21-1-39 P and O S N
Narkunda 28-1-39 P and O S N

FOR LIVERPOOL

Britannia 27-1-39 Anchor Line
City of Agra 18-1-39 J Finlay
City of Venice 30-1-39 K Nixon

FOR HAMBURG

Tannenfels N F L Edwards

FOR NEW YORK

Pres. Van Buren 28-1-39 F F Campbell
Pres Harrison 11-2-39 F F Campbell

FOR TRIESTE

Conte Verde 14-2-39 L Triestino

FOR GENOA

Victoria 1-2-39 L Triestino

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

Conte Rosso 20-2-39 L Triestino
Glasgow Maru 26-1-39 O S Kaisha
Nagpore 17-1-39 P and O
Burdwan 31-1-39 P and O S N
Rawalpindi 2-2-39 P and O S N
Bri Monarch 3-2-39 N Y Kaisha
Conte Biancamano 6-2-39 L Triestino
Ranpura 19-1-39 P and O S N
Hakodate Maru 15-2-39 N Y Kaisha
Eihuku Maru 23-1-39 O S Kaisha

FOR SYDNEY

Maloja 26-1-39 P and O S N

FOR BASRA

Bandra 18-1-39 M M
Varela 19-7-39 M M

FOR DURBAN

Takliwa 1-2-39 M M
Kenya 18-1-39 M M

FOR CALCUTTA

Orna 3-2-39 M M

FOR KARACHI

Vita 21-1-39 M M
Britannia 20-1-39 Anchor Line

B. P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Britannia 16-1-39
S S Queda 16-1-39
S S City of Kobe 14-1-39
S S Jalarajan 16-1-39
S S Strathnavar (boats) 16-1-39
S S Pres. Adams (boats Am. Cotton) 16-1-39
S S Parvati 16-1-39
S S Kalarand 16-1-39
S S Sonavati 16-1-39
S S Varela (boats) 16-1-39

EXPORTS

Bombay, Jan. 17.

S S Bangalore for Havre: 180 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 220 bales raw cotton S Karamshi; 60 bales raw cotton The Patel Cotton; 77 bales cotton fly Sapt T Products (India); 120 bags mustardseed B Balwant; 50 boras mendi leaves H K Kesharwalla.

For London: 4692 bags linseed Ralli Bros; 52 bags kang grain K Devji; 432 bags myrabollams J Moolchand; 42 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham; 21 bales cow hides tanned H A Mohomed; 536 bags gr nut kernels K M Nathoo; 581 bags fenngreek seeds B Dwarkadas; 16 cases condiments M M Poonjiaji; 42 bags henna powder D Abraham; 10 bales cow hides tanned M Esmail; 17 bales sheep skins tanned K Lalbhai.

For Hull: 200 bales raw wool D Abraham 1185 bags linseed The Cotton Agents; 2346 bags linseed Ralli Bros; 1280 bags myrabollams R S Tata.

For Marseilles: 100 bales hemp raw J Kanji.

S S Britannia for Manchester: 312 bales raw cotton A Clayton; 50 bales cotton twist waste L O Vora; 51 dms castor oil A Hargovindas.

For Liverpool: 100 bales raw cotton A Clayton; 94 bales cotton twist waste M Narotamdas; 375 bags gr nut cake M Bhuta; 75 dms castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills; 70 bags oily pickers Gopaldas and Sons; 1450 bales raw cotton Ralli Bros.

For Glasgow: 75 dms castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills; 156 dms gr nut oil The Swastik Oil Mills; 1360 bags gr nut oil cake P Surchand; 50 bales hemp raw J Kanji.

For Marseilles: 200 bags gr nut in shell D Chhotalal; 35 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 75 bales cotton waste M Chandulal.

S S Glasgow Maru for Moji: 150 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha.

For Yokohama: 100 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha; 150 tons scrap iron G Gabriel.

For Kobe: 2250 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha; 1000 tons old steel scrap A Popat'al; 75 tons scrap iron Faiz.

For Antwerp: 85 bags metal scraps D M Mehta: 200 pkts gr nut oil cake H Rawji.

For Antwerp/Rot/Hamburg Optional: 1317 bags gr nut oil cake P Surchand.

For Jaffa: 25 bales cotton grey yarn M A Al Abdul Razzak.

For Alexandretta: 25 bales cotton grey yarn M A Al Abdul Razzak.

For Tripoli: 20 bales cotton grey yarn M A Abdul Razzak

S S City of Agra for Manchester: 125 bales raw cotton The Patel Cotton.

For Glasgow: 60 bales gr nut kernels S M Rajgor.

S S Grootekerk for Sydney: 724 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas; 40 bales cotton twist waste L O Vora; 56 bales cotton twist waste K Jivram; 124 bags myrabollam J Moolchand.

For Melbourne: 986 bags myrabollams P Mathradas; 432 bags myrabollams K Tricamji; 25 bales raw cotton H Nensey.

For Brisbone: 34 bags myrabollam Bhagwandas.

IMPORTS

S S Ceylon Agent Lionel Edwards from Gothenburg: 11550 b'dls box boards 1261 bales paper; 281 cases craft paper; 200 bags sulphate of ammonia; 150 coils hot rolled rods; 1040 cases steel hinges and ace; 1887 bdls ceiling boards, 578 cases nails.

From Oslo: 120 dms carbide; 6080 b'dls box boards; 100 kegs chlorate of potash; 509 bales paper; 147 cases nails. 320 bags nitrate of soda; 58 bales news printing paper.

From Antwerp: 145 bales paper; 100 bags iron hinges; 90 d/bags iron washers; 4313 b'dls m s hoops; 628 bags black gas tubes; 150 coils stl hoops; 105 cases tacks; 111 dms chloride of zinc; 1868 b'dls galvd iron tubes; 548 pipes; 809 cases bolts and nuts; 100 csks pcs m s plates; 213 b'dls galvd gas washing blue; 351 cases wire nails; 117 pcs black iron tubes.

From Rotterdam: 1341 d/bags dutch crystal sugar; 177 b'dls gas tubes; 217 b'dls galvd tubes; 80 bales straw boards 50 cases wine; 50 bags wheat starch; 50 bags bone glue; 50 bales packing paper.

From Hamburg: 97 b'dls copper rods; 539 bales paper; 360 b'dls galvd tubes; 165 cases padlocks; 452 b'dls gas tubes; 83 cases parts and machinery; 90 cases empty glass bottles; 129 cts earthenware 84 cases nails; 86 bales wrapping paper.

S S Cakaro Agent L Triestino from Trieste: 326 cases printing paper; 91 cases wrapping paper; 89 bales packing paper; 709 bales paper; 100 bales writing paper; 150 sheets marble slabs; 70 d/johns chemical compound; 51 cases textile machinery; 53 cases fez caps; 160 cases iron chains; 70 cases machinery; 400 pcs steel poles; 270 cases currents; 200 cases crescent glass starch; 75 cases pressed building glass; 170 bales cardboards.

From Fuime: 16428 pcs pine rough boards; 2586 pcs white pine boards; From Bari: 912 bags almond.

From Brindisi: 2165 bags almonds.

S S Alberto Treves Agent L Triestino from Genoa: 218 cases art silk yarn; 133 cases vermouth; 415 cases rayon yarn; 58 cases emery paper; 47 cases elect machinery.

From Naples: 459 cases art silk yarn.

From Catonia: 900 bags sulphur.

Increased Selling In Distant Months

MR. MORGENTHAU AGAINST PROCESSING TAXES

New York Cotton Market Indicates Lower Tendency

Bombay, Jan. 17.

On Monday the New York cotton market was quiet. Bombay buying was a partial offset to the generally lower tendency of the market which was caused largely by easier cables from abroad but there was no real news to account for the setback. Mr. Morgan then at a press conference in Washington stated that he is opposed to Processing taxes on farm products expressing the opinion that taxes on consumers are sufficiently high.

The market opened steady on some covering in January but the market was generally outside cables. Offerings were light but recoveries attracted some local, Southern and Liverpool selling as well as spot houses selling of October. The U. S. A. Mill consumption for December was 5,65,000 bales compared with 5,96,000 bales in the previous month and 4,33,000 bales in December 1937.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The market opened at a decline of 2 points with March 8.40 and improved to 8.41 which was the highest level. Later there was increased selling and declined to 8.35 which was the lowest level. There was increased selling in distant deliveries. The market closed at a decline of 2 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices advanced one point at 8.93c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet with increased selling and closed at a decline of 2 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices declined 2 points at 8.62c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened unchanged at 4.83 for March. There was hedging of Brazilian cotton otherwise the contracts remain scarce. Foreign political and Washington Legislative uncertainties restricting enterprise. Business was small. Trade calling and American straddle buying met Bombay selling and local liquidation. The market closed at a decline of 3 to 1 point. Middling American Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 5.21d per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Giza futures ruled easy on increased selling and closed at a decline of 13 points and Uppers futures lost 4 to 5 points. The Alexandria cotton market was irregular and heavy. Sakel futures closed at a decline of 34 points to a rise of one point while Ashmouni futures closed 12 to 4 points down.

NEW PLANS.

Many plans, however, are under consideration. Much importance is attached to the recent address of the president of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, hinting strongly that the co-operatives will be forced to dissolve if the Government's policy of granting loans above market values is continued. The adverse result of the referendum of Burley tobacco-growers is also considered to be important while the steadily increasing unsold surplus in the Government loan is causing widespread uneasiness and emphasising the necessity of creating better export outlets.

President uncertainties are discouraging outside speculation from trading, and operations are confined largely to trade buying and foreign arbitrage with Bombay. Recent deals have included transferring of long accounts from old to new positions, although to-day there nas been a moderate amount of outright liquidation, apparently on fears that the smaller Indian crop may result in narrower differences.

SPOT COTTON.

Demand for spot cotton is quiet, and textiles are also less active following the recent spurt in activity. Leading mills, however, are more optimistic about the outlook, apparently anticipating increased business in the first quarter of 1939. Mr. Wallace's annual report appeared to favour processing taxes and a low loan rate.—"M.G."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (10-33 a.m.)	8.41—01
New York March lowest (11-47 a.m.)	8.35—07
Liverpool March highest	4.84+01
Liverpool March lowest	4.80—03

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Decline owing to weakness of the Egyptian market. Our opinion is that market may be further depressed owing to general want of confidence, small takings by the European spinners and unsettled political outlook.

New York: Foreign and local liquidation March and hedge selling distants absorbed by trade.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cables from their New York friends:—

Legislative uncertainty causing scattered liquidation. Foreign selling. Fixing on buyers call supporting near months.'

'Cotton widening forward discount main factor.'

Messrs. Bishwambharlal Maheshwari have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Legislative uncertainty causing scattered liquidation foreign selling fixing on buyers call supporting near months.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Jan 16

March	8.38—04
May	8.13—02
July	7.87—04
October	7.39—13
December	7.42—13
Middling Spot	8.93+01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Jan 16

January	8.44—02
March	8.52—02
May	8.24—05
Middling Spot	8.62—02

NEW YORK
New York, Jan 16

11-00 A.M. RANGES—

March	8.37/8.37
May	8.10/8.10
July	7.85/8.85

NOON CALL—

March	8.35
May	8.08
July	7 82

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, Jan 16

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	12,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	14,000 bales
Day's exports to the Continent	10,000 bales
Day's exports to China and Japan	10,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, Jan 16

January	4.82—04
February	4.81—03
March	4.80—03
April	4.78—03
May	4.76—02
June	4.71+01
July	4.66—01
August	4.60—01
September	4.55—01
October	4.50—01
November	4.51—01
December	4.53—01
January	4.54—01
Middling Spot	5.21
	10-12 a.m. quotations.
March	4.84
May	4.79

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, Jan 16

SAKELS—	
January	11.34—34
March	12.40—5
May	12.71+1
ASHMOUNI—	
February	10.03—12
April	10.18—7
June	10.29—8
October	10.06—4
GIZA—	
January	11.74—13
March	12.17—18
May	12.47—8
July	12.63+3
November	12.60—0

LONDON SEEDS
London, Jan 16

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. ton Jan sellers	10-17-6
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. ton Jan sellers	12-11-3
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. ton Jan sellers	12-18-9
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont c.i.f. ton Jan Feb sellers	12-2-6
Castor seed Bombay Hull c.i.f. ton Jan Feb sellers	11-1-3

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Jan 16

T T London on:	
New York	4.67.46
Paris	177.15
Berlin	11.64 1/2
Madrid	100.00
Montreal	4.71 7/16
Amsterdam	8.60 3/8
Brussels	27.65 1/4
Milan	88.85
Berne	20.69 3/8

LONDON PRODUCE
London, Jan 16

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe parcels Jan Feb sellers	21/3
Wheat Barletta Russo parcels Jan Feb sellers	23/1 1/2
Wheat South Australian parcels Jan sellers	23/9

LONDON RUBBER
London, Jan 16

Spelter Hard (Indian brand) f o b	12 1/2 to 13 1/2

Cotton Arrivals

Receipts into Bombay on 14th January	9,904
Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1938	713,696
Receipts into Bombay same time last season	589,349
Increase	124,347

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York Liverpool: March 97 May 114 July 120 October 136 December 1939 at cross rate 4.67 11/16

Bombay Liverpool: Broach A/M 1939 156/12 Liverpool May 1939 4.76 Rs. 50 1/2 at exchange 1/6

Bombay Liverpool: Broach J/A 1939 157/6 Liverpool July 1939 4.66 Rs. 45 1/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay New York: Broach A/M 1939 156/12 New York May 8.13 Rs. 36 1/2 at cross rate 4.67 11/16

Bombay New York: Broach J/A 1939 157/6 New York July 7.87 Rs. 29 3/8 at cross rate 4.67 11/16

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, Jan 16

GIZA—	
Spot	7.29—10
January	6.90—13
March	6.75—13
May	6.80—13
Giza No. 2—	
January	6.88—11
March	6.91—11
May	7.01—11
July	7.07—10
UPPERS—	
Spot	5.87—5
January	5.77—4
March	5.83—5
May	5.89—5
July	5.95—4
October	5.88—0
November	5.83—0

NEW YORK COFFEE
New York, Jan 16

Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality Sellers	5 1/8

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan 17

Following a decline of 4 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 156 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 156/8 on scattered short covering. There was absence of selling and the tone of the market was fairly steady with a moderate turnover.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point and later on reported unchanged. The local market was quiet and closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G—	
Broach A/M	156 14 0
Broach J/A	157 14 0
Fine M G—	
Oomra D/J	145 10 0
Oomra March	144 0 0
Oomra May	144 8 0
F G M G—	
Bengal D/J	121 0 0
Bengal March	119 12 0
Bengal May	120 8 0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Jan 17

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG Good
M G—				
Bengal U P	129	126	123	120
Punjab	129	126	123	120
Rajputana	131	128	125	122
Oomra No. 3	154	151	148	145
C P No. 1	170	167	164	161
C P No. 2	161	158	155	152

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Jan 17

Bengal Superfine 129/30
Bengal Fine 124/25 March +4
Bengal F G 121/22
C P 1 161/65 March +16 1/2
C P 2 155/56 March +10
Arvi 156/57
Amraoti 147/48
Ellichpur 152/53
Berar 146/47 March +3
Malkapur 144/45
Khandesh 131/37
Jalna Sailu 140/44
Burwah Sanavad 146/47
Khandwa 146/47
Mathia F G 120/25
Broach Feb +4 1/2 March +3 1/2
Punjab 4 F 176/78 Feb +20
Punjab 289 F 206/08 March +50
Sindh N T 196/203

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Jan. 17.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	2 days	This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	649	26,718	8,033
Central India	3,453	114,872	3,924
Barsi and Nagar	779	30,334	30,451
Hyderabad-Gaorani	237	3,064	10,632
Berar	1,649	74,762	66,118
Central Provinces	53	20,792	14,119
Total Oomras	6,820	270,542	133,277
Dholera	2,934	77,397	13,206
N.-W. Provinces		1,496	1,772
Rajputana	131	23,767	526
Sind-Punjab	9,477	176,245	225,888
Broach	239	12,863	1,509
Coompta and Dharwar		13,497	8,847
Westerns-Northerns	177	15,601	1,638
Cocoanada		6	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,540	908
American		512	93,996
Egyptian, African and Sudan	92	139,093	155,867
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		7	970
Total	19,870	733,566	638,146
Arrived by road to 12th Jan. 39		149,114	...

American Cotton Figures

F. P. Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 16-1-39	3137000	6169000
Receipts Yesterday 16-1-39	12000	25000
Exports to date 16-1-39	2152000	3711000
Stock at Ports 13-1-39	2932000	3235000
Stock at Interior Towns 13-1-39	3366000	2611000
Stock at Liverpool 13-1-39	1097000	1106000
Visible Supply 13-1-39	7552000	7674000
Quantity in sight 13-1-39	7304000	10644000
Quantity out of sight 13-1-39	5387000	5851000

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept. to 12th Jan.

In full-pressed Bales.

	Yester-day	This year.	Last year.
Europe	3,733	77,485	80,602
Japan and China	1,050	424,468	91,436
Coast Ports		14,827	28,712
Up-country by Rail		110,719	137,834
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		21,715	30,711
Total	4,783	649,214	369,295

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Jan 16

Broach A/M 1939 opening 158 1/8 highest 158 1/8 lowest 157 1/4 closing 157 1/4

Broach J/A opening 158 7/8 highest 159 lowest 158 closing 158 1/8

Oomra D/J opening 146 1/2 highest 146 1/2 lowest 146 closing 146

Oomra March opening 144 3/4 highest 144 3/4 lowest 144 1/4 closing 44 1/4

Oomra May opening 145 highest 145 lowest 144 3/4 closing 144 3/4

Bengal D/J opening 121 1/4 highest 121 1/2 lowest 121 1/8 closing 121 1/8

Bengal March opening 121 highest 121 1/4 lowest 120 closing 120

Bengal May opening 121 1/4 highest 121 1/4 lowest 120 7/8 closing 121 7/8

Tejimandi for Broach April May 1939 (21-1-39) Rs. 1 5/8

Tejimandi for Broach April May 1939 (21-2-39) Rs. 4 3/8

Tejimandi for Broach April May 1939 (24-3-39) Rs. 7

Tejimandi for Broach July August 1939 (24-6-39) Rs. 12 1/4

Osaka Cotton

Osaka, Jan 17

March	53.00
April	53.00

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Jan 17

Yesterday London gold prices declined one penny to £7-8-8 1/2. London Paris Exchange rate declined 16 points at 177.15. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.67 11/16. London silver prices declined 1/8d. to 20 3/8d. for Spot and 1/8d. to 19 15/16d. for forward position. Speculators sold and the support was poor. Later on there were sellers at 1/16 under fixed rates. New York Spot silver was quoted at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 0/8. London Bombay Spot parity was Rs. 53-10-6 and forward was Rs. 52-9-3. The local market was weak on increased selling influenced by report that American Government would not be able to continue her silver purchasing. Gold was quietly steady.

GOLD

Ready	37 2 6
Maha delivery	37 3 9
Maha Tejimandi	0 3 3
Fagan delivery	37 4 9
Fagan Tejimandi	0 6 0

SILVER

Ready	52 4 0
Maha delivery	52 1 0
Maha Tejimandi	0 9 0
Fagan delivery	51 15 0
Fagan Tejimandi	1 5 0

LONDON SILVER
London, Jan 16

Spot	20 3/8
Forward	19 15/16

LONDON GOLD
London, Jan 16

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£7-8-8 1/2

LONDON METALS

London, Jan 16

Copper	£43 1 3
Lead	£14 13 9
Spelter	£13 18 9
Tin	£216 5 0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, Jan 17

London market—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£43-0-0
Standard copper 3 months	£43-5-0
Electrolytic copper	£49-5-0
Bombay market—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-8-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 48-14-0

Tone: Steady.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, Jan 16

February	£10 6 3
March	£10 6 3

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Jan 17

Castorseeds May—	
Opening	28 0 0
Highest	28 0 0
Lowest	27 13 0
Closing	27 13 0
Groundnuts Feb—	
Opening	27 15 0
Highest	28 1 6
Lowest	27 13 3
Closing	27 14 3
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	29 1 6
Highest	29 3 0
Lowest	28 14 6
Closing	29 0 0
Cottonseed Jan—	
Opening	21 14 0
Highest	22 0 0
Lowest	21 14 0
Closing	22 0 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	22 1 6
Highest	22 2 6
Lowest	22 1 0
Closing	22 2 6

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, Jan 16

March	56d.
May	55 7/8d.
March	52 7/8d. New
May	53 5/8d. New
July	54 7/8d. New

Wheat Chicago

Chicago, Jan 16

May	dol 0.68 3/4
July	dol 0.68 7/8
September	dol 0.69 5/8

New York Sugar

New York, Jan 16

March	1.91
May	1.95
July	1.99
September	2.03

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, Jan 17

Ready Java	Rs. 15 6 0
Shipment Jan March	5 15 6
Shipment April June	6 1 0
Shipment July Sept	6 3 6
Kesar	15 8 0
Saraya	15 6 0
Java Spot	F 6.60

LONDON SUGAR

London, Jan 16

March	sh. 6 3d.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Jan 16

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£72 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	73 3/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	89 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	110 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	70 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	98 1/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	97 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	107 3/4
Victory Bonds	107 1/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	9
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	84
National Bank of India	32 3/8
P and O Banking Corporation	10

LINSEED OIL
London, Jan 16

Linseed oil London per cwt naked Jan sellers	22/9
Linseed oil London per cwt naked Feb April sellers	22/9

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan 17

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	98/5
2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan	99/2
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	101/2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	102/8
3 per cent 1963/65	97/14
3 1/2 per cent 1947/59	104/14
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	107/14
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	111/3
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	118/6
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	101/8
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	104/14

TAX FREES

5 per cent 1943/55 Loan	115/11
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent 1974 B P T	110/4
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	109/4
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	118
5 per cent 1954 M Deb	180

Tone: Steady

Budli difference ranged between Re. 0-2-6 to Re. 0-2-3 against short sellers.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Jan 17

B C RATES—	
T T D D	1/5 27/32
LONDON—	
Bank's selling T T D D	1/5 29/32
Bank's buying T T	1/5 31/32 Ready
Bank's buying D D	1/5 31/32
Bank's buying 3 months	1/6 1/32 to March 1/6 April/June
NEW YORK—	
Bank's selling T T	287 3/4
Bank's buying T T	284 3/4
Bank's buying D D	284
PARIS—	
Bank's selling T T	1,304
Bank's buying T T	1,327
JAPAN—	
Bank's selling T T	78 5/8
Bank's buying T T	77 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days	77
AMSTERDAM—	
Bank's selling D D	63 1/2
JAVA—	
Bank's selling D D	63 3/8
HONGKONG—	
Bank's selling D D	85
SHANGHAI—	
Bank's selling D D	47 1/2
SINGAPORE—	
Bank's selling D D	157
BERLIN—	
Bank's selling D D	85 7/8
CROSS RATE—	
New York London	4.67.56 16th instant
Japan London	1/2 1/64 17th instant
Hongkong London	1/3 17th instant
Shanghai London	0/8 1/4 17th instant
Java London	8.58 17th instant
London Paris	177.15 16th instant
London Belgium	27.65 1/4 16th instant
London Switzerland	20.69 3/8 16th instant
London Berlin	11.64 1/2 16th instant
London Stockholm	19.42 3/8 16th instant
London New York	4.67.46 16th instant
London Amsterdam	8.60 1/8 16th instant
London Italy	88.85 16th instant

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £7-8-9 1/2 14th instant

Gold £7-8-8 1/2 16th instant

Silver London Ready 20 1/2 14th instant

Silver London Ready 20 3/8 16th instant

Silver London Forward 20 1/16 14th instant

Silver London Forward 19 15/16 16th instant

Silver New York Ready 43 14th instant

Silver New York Ready 43 16th instant

London discounts 3 months 9/16 per cent 14th instant

London discounts 3 months 9/16 per cent 16th instant

London discounts 6 months 3/4 per cent 14th instant

London discounts 6 months 3/4 per cent 16th instant

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—

Call 1 1/2 per cent.

3 months 2 per cent.

6 months 1 3/4 per cent.

Tone: Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Jan 16

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	75 3/4
3 1/2 per cent	89 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	101 1/4
4 per cent 1948/53	106
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	110 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	115
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1949/52	96 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	70 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War loan	97 3/4
4 per cent Funding loans 1960/90	107 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	43/9 steady.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Jan 16

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Electric P and Light 7 per cent pfd	37
Electric Bond Common	11 1/2
Consolidated (Gas) Edison	7
Columbia Gas and Electric	3
Int Tel and Tel 4 1/2 p.c. 1952	65
American Tel and Tel	151 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	445
Western Union Telg	23 1/2
Great North Pfd	27
New York Central	19 3/4
Firestone Rubber	23
Firestone Rubber 6 per cent pfd	100
Texas Corporation	46 1/4
Union Carbide	86 3/4
Eaton Mfg	24
United States Steel	64 1/2
Ludlum Steel	25
Republic Steel	23
United S Smelting	58
Anaconda Copper Mining	32 1/4
Int Nickel of Canada	52 3/4
General Motors	47 1/4
General Electric	40 3/4
Consolidted Oil	8 3/4
Socony Oil	13 1/4
Chase Bank	31 1/4
National City Bank	24 1/2
Eagle Picher	12
Gillette Safety Razor 5 p.c. P	49

Turnover 675,000 shares. Little change.

Steel production 52.7 per cent of capacity against 51.7 last week.

Sharp Recovery In Steel Shares

PROFESSIONAL SHORT COVERING

Cotton Mills Look Up

BOMBAY, January 17.

After a sharp break in Share prices last week, the local market ruled fairly firm on active professional covering.

It was said that the Continental Steel Cartel would reduce prices in proportion to the reduction adopted by the Federation of British Steel Manufacturers and large order of about 120,000 tons Steel sheets placed for "shelters" in Britain cheered the general feeling.

Yesterday the Wall Street market was quiet and operators were holding off pending political developments in Washington and Europe. U.S. Steel Shares declined dol. 7/8 while Anaconda Mining shares were unchanged. U.S.A. Steel activity is reported 52.7 per cent. against 51.7 per cent in the previous week.

The improvement in the local Share Bazar to-day was a natural one as the market was thoroughly liquidated and some short interest was created. Thus the market was entitled to a natural reaction.

In view of European political uncertainty we do not look for any material sustained improvement although to-day's rise may be carried further.

In the local market Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1365 and declined to Rs. 1355 under scattered selling. Later on there was active professional short covering and prices advanced to Rs. 1407-8. Offerings were light and the tone of the market was good indicating partial return of confidence.

Cotton Mill shares also fared well in sympathy with hardening tendency of Tata Steel Shares and Bombay Dyeing shares recovered to Rs. 882/8. Associated Cement shares were also steady with a moderate demand.

The market was firm throughout the Session and Dfds. touched Rs. 1415 and Ordinary shares changed hands at Rs. 302/8. Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 885. Later prices closed at Rs. 1405 and Dyeings at Rs. 880.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, Jan. 17

100 Ahmd. Advance	416 4
200 BOMBAY DYEING	880 0
100 CENTURY	241 8
100 CENTRAL INDIA	234 0
100 COLABA	144 8
100 Coorla	95 0
250 David	75 0
250 Dawn	320 0
1 E. D. Sassoon	0 4 9
100 Finlay	115 0
100 GOKAK	147 8
1,000 Hindustan	1,705 0
100 Indore	55 0
100 Khatau	117 8
100 KOHINOOR	266 0
150 Laxmi	511 4
250 Madras United	35 0
100 Morarji	135 0
250 Model	52 4
50 MYSORE	89 0
200 NEW GREAT	222 8
100 Oosmanshahi	40 0
100 PHOENIX	223 0
25 Sassoon Silk	73 8
1,000 Sholapur	3225 0
50 SIMPLEX	78 0
100 SWADESHI	220 8
100 Swan	105 8
500 Vishnu	1205 0
1,000 Western	860 0
BANKS.	
50-100 Baroda	115 8
25-50 Central	32 13
500 Imperial	1577 8
125-500 Imp. Conty.	383 12
50-100 India	149 0
100 Reserve Bank	114 8
5 Unions	5 14
CEMENTS.	
100 Associated	XD 115 8
INSURANCE	
100 Empire	685 0
15-100 Jupiter	13 0
20 Mercantile	52 8
15-100 New India	37 0
200 Oriental	4300 0
10-50 Vulcan	7-4
ELECTRIC.	
100 Ah. Old	132 12
1000 Andhra	1,386 4
10 Ajmer	11 14
50 Bombay Tram	120 8
100 Bombay Suburban	145 4
10 Broach	9 12
100 Karach.	190 0
100 Poona	170 10
100 Surat	180 0
100 TATA HYDRO	151 0
100 TATA POWERS	1,270 0
RAILWAYS.	
100 Ahmedabad Prantij	955 0
100 C. Province	99 8
100 Dn Baramati	103 12
100 Gujarat	99 8
100 Mandra Bhon	102 0
100 Pachora Jamner	95 0
100 Sara Serajganj	104 0
500 Tapti Valley	750 0

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Jan 17

Bombay Dyeing (878/12) 877 883 881 885 880

Century (239) 240 242 241 241/8

Central India (233) 232 235 234 235 234

Kohinoor (265) 264 265 266 267 265 266

New Great (220) 218 223 221

Simplex (77/8) 77 78

Swadeshi (219) 216 220 219 221 222/8

Associated Cement (114/12) 114 115/4 115 115/12 115/8

Andhra (1390) 1386/4

Tram Ord (120/4) 120

Tata Hydro (150) 150 151

Tata Power (1267/8) 1262 1272 1270 1275 1272 1270

T Steel Defd (1370) 1360 1355 1377 1375 1302 1387 1400 1392 1405 1402 1415 1405 1407 1405

T Steel Ord (293/12) 291 293 296 300 298 302/8 302

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (159/12) 159/12

Bellapur (178/12) 178 181

B Steam (219) 219

B Burma (475) 471 475 478 477 480

MINING.

9 Burma Corp	5 15
8sh. Indian Copper	2-2
10 Indian Iron and Steel	29 0
10 Shivrajpur	45 4
70 TATA STEEL DEFDS	1405 0
75 TATA STEEL ORD	302 0
MISCELLANEOUS	
100 ALCOCK	327 0
10 Air Services	9 0
60 BELAPUR SUGAR	181 0
200-250 Bombay Safe Dep.	840 0
150 BOMBAY STEAM	219 0
125 B. BURMA	480 0
8sh. Bombay Centy.	162 8
8sh. B. Petrol	3 13 3
50 BOMBAY TELEPHONE	79 0
100 I. BLEACHING	123 8
50 Invest Trust	42 0
100 I. Radio Defd	390 0
100 I. Radio Ord.	380 0
100 Port Canning	69 8
40 Premier Con	64 0
15 Scindia	18 13
26 Tata Oil Mill (nil)	42 8
PREFERENCE	
5 1/2 Amalgmad (T. F.)	106 0
7 p.c. Andhra Valley	1,495 0
6 p.c. Bombay Steam	283 12
5 p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	73 4
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	557 8
6½ p.c. Prem. Const 1st.	108 0
6-1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	97 0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	148 2
7½ p.c. Tata Power	1,603 12
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	208 8
7½ p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	159 12
7 p.c Vishnu	717 8
DEBENTURES	
3-3/4 p.c Andhra Valley	102 6
6 p.c. Andhra Valley	106 8
4 p.c. Bombay Telephone	51 14
7- p.c. Sholapur	80 8
6 p.c. Tata Hydro	107 12

(Capital Letters indicate Shares on Forward List.)

AUDITED RETURNS OF KILLICK RAILWAYS

The following are the audited returns of traffic of the various railways under the Killick Nixon and Co. Agency for the month of October 1938:—

Tapti Valley Railway for October 1938 Rs. 1,94,692; Increase + or Decrease— when compared with Oct. 1937 Rs. —620; from 1-1-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 22,69,718; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs. —75,772

Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. for Oct. 1938 Rs. 76,171, Increase+ or Decrease — when compared with Oct. 1937 Rs.+6,552, from 1-1-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 8,87,407; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs.+ 13,989.

Guzerat Rlys. for Oct. 1938 Rs. 25,648; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with Oct. 1937 —5,358; from 1-4-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 2,60,629; Increase + of Decrease — when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs. —20,710.

Central Provinces Rlys. for Oct. 1938 Rs. 37,491; Increase +or Decrease — when compared with Oct. 1937 Rs. +7,900; from 1-10-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 37,491; Increase + or Decrease + when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs. +7,900.

Mandra Bhon Railways for Oct. 1938 Rs. 13,846; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with Oct. 1937 Rs. —1,657; from 1-10-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 13,846; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs. —1,657.

Sialkot Narowal Railway for Oct. 1938 Rs. 36,355; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with Oct. 1937 Rs. —7,927; from 1-10-38 to 31-10-38 Rs. 36,355; Increase + or Decrease — when compared with corresponding period of previous year Rs. —7,927.

Produce Receipts

Bombay, Jan 17

Wheat	15,622 cwts.
Linseed	2,532 cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	395 cwts.
Gingellysed	800 cwts.
Poppyseed	149 cwts.
Groundnuts	40,994 cwts.
Castorseed	611 cwts.
Rice	33,780 cwts.
Myrabollams	3,428 cwts.
Cottonseed	6,484 cwts.
Gram	588 cwts.
Joowar	411 cwts.
Barley	1,031 cwts.
Bajree	1.797 cwts.
Indian sugar	5.224 cwts.

LONDON RUBBER
London, Jan 16

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb Sellers	8 1/16

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KISANS' PETITION TO REVENUE MINISTER

Abolition Of Half-Share In Crops Demanded

GOVT. ASKED TO WITHDRAW CASES AGAINST KISANS AND RELEASE OF POLITICALS

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, January 17.

Hundreds of Kisans of Mandavi Taluka and adjoining areas marched into the city this morning shouting "Inquilab Zindabad," Kisan Sabha Zindabad," "Abolish the Half-share of Crops System," and "Reduce Our Rents."

Later they presented a petition to the Prime Minister, Mr. Kher and the Revenue Minister Mr. Morarji Desai and urged reduction in the customary rent extorted from them by the landlords, release of the Kisan prisoners recently sentenced to Jail and the enactment of a suitable Tenancy Act for the permanent betterment of their condition.

A summary of the petition presented to the Congress Ministers is given below:—

We the peasants of Mandavi extend to you our hearty welcome on the occasion of your visit to our district town and trust that you will give your most careful consideration to our immediate grievances and demands

As you are probably aware our forefathers cleared up the jungles and began cultivation of the land in the Mandavi Taluka. They were the owners of the lands which gave them the simple necessities of their life on payment of comparatively low revenue dues

With the establishment however, of the Civil Courts in the district and the opening of liquor shops in our area, the condition of our Raniparaj people began to deteriorate rapidly.

The facilities accorded by the courts for the extortion of debt dues enabled the sahukars to make a rapid inroad into our area. The few schools opened amongst us left us, ignorant and illiterate, at the mercy of the clever sahukars who used all their wits and intelligence to clap us in their chains of slavery

Some little condiments and cheap grains or some small loans advanced to us for our maintenance or to meet some social expenses were artfully magnified into huge debts and no matter what we paid in cash or grains after every harvest, our burden of debt continued to pile up till it well-nigh became intolerable. Sahukars then clearly persuaded us to part with one piece of land after another till the free farmers of former times were rapidly converted into poor miserable tenants and debtors.

You will be surprised to know now we live from year to year under these conditions. The sahukars dictate the terms of lease and compel us to sign or thumb-mark printed leases which are filled in afterwards with figures and conditions as they like best.

At every harvest they pounce upon our threshing floors and our huts and not only demand half-share of crops in lieu of rent but sweep of nearly everything into their carts in lieu of unconscionable debts and interest charges, leaving us but little to maintain ourselves and our families for the rest of the year.

No wonder we are reduced to a state of semi-starvation. We have to live without proper clothes during the bitter winter months. Our huts are left without repairs. The mud walls are cracking and our roofs are leaking so that our floors are often covered with pools of water during every monsoon.

The struggles of 1930 and 1932 brought however a new breath of awakening. Some of our leading young men including our Kisan Secretary, Mr. Nursingbhai Akkabhai—who has but recently been sentenced to imprisonment—participated in the movement and shared its trials.

You will also be glad to know that we voted solidly for the Congress candidates during the last elections. And poor as we are, we taxed ourselves to the utmost to send our tributes in grains and provisions to the Haripura Congress that was held on the opposite bank of the Tapti.

It was however the struggle of our Raniparaj brethren of Mangrol that stirred us to a new consciousness of our rights. The Kisans of Lavet inaugurated the campaign for the abolition of the exorbitant half-share of crops demanded in lieu of rents. Some of us participated in the agitation and struggles carried on over there for months and we decided with the help of the leaders of the Kisan Sabha to launch a legitimate struggle to secure a substantial reduction in rents.

At this stage we thank you sincerely for passing the Small Holders' Relief Bill and for proposing to adapt a Debt Relief Bill and a Tenancy Law for the effective betterment of the vast majority of the agriculturists in this presidency. And we assure you that in deciding to refuse to deliver half-share of crops we intended as we intend even now—to avail ourselves of the provisions of the Tenancy Act that might be passed by our Ministry. As our leaders repeatedly pointed out we were always prepared to pay a reduced rent charge and they requested the Government and Congress authorities to effect a peaceful settlement between us and the sahukars

We were shocked however to find that the sahukars inaugurated a veritable reign of terror in this area as soon as we announced our rent strike. Assaults and intimidation, sudden visits of lorry loads of men at day and night time to our farms and huts, disturbances at our meetings, proceedings in courts, arrests and imprisonments—these have been our lot during the last few months.

May we bring it to your notice that rent suits, such as have never been heard at this time of the year, have been filed, entertained, heard and decreed in our area while these are not still thought of in Kalol Taluka of the Panchmahals District where our Kisan brethren are carrying on a similar struggle for the reduction of their rents. We submit that the hearing of all such petitions seeking the help of the Revenue courts for the collection of rent should be postponed till the 31st of March at least.

We also desire to enter our most emphatic protest against the way in which cases against our Kisan brethren and sisters have been recently tried by the First class Magistrate of Mandavi. No time was allowed even to secure legal advice and help. Cases were heard far into the night to the great inconvenience of hundreds of our men and women who were shivering in the cold outside. And those arrested have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and fines even after some negotiations for settlement had been initiated by the Sahukars.

May we then in conclusion request you to:

(1) Induce the sahukars to effect a settlement with regard to just rent with our representatives.

(2) Adjourn all cases filed in the Revenue Court for the recovery of land

(3) Order the immediate release of all the Kisan prisoners and

(4) Pass a suitable Tenancy Bill according to the printed petition submitted separately to you.

The petition referred to above requests that the new act contemplated by the Ministry should abolish the extortion of half-share of crops in lieu of rent, fix the rent at not more than 1¼ times the Rent Revenue and abolish all systems of landlordism, including the Talukdari, Inamdari, etc.

Reduction In Land Revenue Demanded

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, January 17.

About 1,000 Kisans, Halis of Mandvi who had arrived here

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PREMIER &

MAHATMAJI PROCEEDING TO BARDOLI ASHRAM TO MEET H.H. THE AGA KHAN AND DISCUSS THE MINORITY RIGHTS PROBLEM WITH HIM.

'Time Not Ripe For Founding Regional 'Varsities'

Kher's Address At Sarvajanik Education Society's Meeting

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, January 17.

Referring to the hopes of Gujarat to have a university of its own, Hon. Mr. Kher in course of his inaugural address at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Sarvajanik Education Society said, "I am hoping that in course of time we will have universities in most important parts of our province. The Government have already declared their willingness to assist any endeavour that might be made to support regional universities, which will enable spread of culture. But there are certain points to be considered.

A Gujarat University, a Maharashtra University and Karnatak University may assist in developing culture and knowledge of these provinces, but we have to consider whether or not the forces that were set afoot years ago in order to build up a great national unity would suffer a setback.

It is necessary to realise that while we have to achieve progress of our own province by developing our own educational institutions and imparting education through our mother tongue, it is equally necessary to evolve a proper national language and spread its knowledge throughout the country. Unless there is a very strong force which binds and holds us together by creating an All-India national sentiment, our path is likely to be beset with many difficulties. We have already declared that we might have a university centre at Poona. I am now assessing public opinion on this question, but I find there are a number of people who think it will not be proper step to be taken at this stage of our country's educational progress".

Addressing the students, Premier Kher said that he was glad to find in modern generation a sense of service which augured well for the country. It was necessary that while going in for higher education they must try to understand in advance what their purpose in life was.

Concluding Premier Kher urged younger generation to develop the sense of trusteeship and cultivate the will to achieve their purpose in life.

Hon. Mr. Kher and Hon. Mr. Morarji will leave for Bardoli tomorrow morning.

DEO TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

POONA Jan. 17.

It is understood Mr. Shankarrao Deo, member of the Congress Working Committee will seek re-election for the delegateship of the Tripuri Congress from Poona city, Mr. Narayan Das Dhut who had been elected as member having resigned in his favour.—A. P.

Gujarat Peasant's Hopeful Outlook

Hails Congress Ministry's Plan For Better Life

(From Our Special Correspondent)

KAIRA, (By Mail).

The Gujarat peasant's loyalty to the Congress and his unshaken confidence in the Congress Ministry, stand out in bold relief in the rural tracts of Broach, Panchmahal and Kaira Districts a tour of which the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, and the Hon. Mr. Morarji Desai, Revenue Minister, have just completed. Among the many grievances which he has given expression to with remarkable boldness are water scarcity, lack of good roads and heavy assessment. The rural development programme of the Bombay Cabinet to which the Premier made references in all his speeches in the rural areas is hailed by the Gujarat peasant who feels that with the launching of that programme his burdens will be lessened. The Premier and Revenue Minister have explained to him in the simplest possible language the benefits accruing from that scheme.

GRIEVANCES OF LOCAL BODIES

The addresses presented by local bodies in the districts complained that lump grants sanctioned by Government towards development scheme often lapsed because the district boards and other bodies were not able to utilise the grants before the end of each financial year. An effective solution of this problem has been evolved by the Bombay Ministry by a proposal to have a permanent fund from which grants towards national development projects may be given. The Premier in his speeches explained that even if a local body is unable to utilise the fund in time, i.e., before the end of the financial year, there will be no risk of its lapsing as in the past. Members of local bodies everywhere welcome the Bombay Government's proposal.

Regarding assessment, the Revenue Minister's assurances that the Government will sponsor the Land Revenue Settlement Bill with a view to fix the principles of settlement and bring about an equitable settlement in the Province have dispelled a feeling of helplessness both among peasants.

PANCHMAHALS AND BROACH

An oft-repeated grievance of the inhabitants of the Panchmahals was regarding the amalgamation of Broach and Panchmahals districts under one collector. Almost every address referred to this and demanded immediate separation. The grounds adduced were that Broach was too far away from Panchmahals and that the only way by which Panchmahal's progress could be quickened was by giving it an independent existence. To this grievance the Congress Ministry seems to have already given its close attention. The Premier's reply was that the Panchmahal district was separate for all practical purposes except for the fact that it did not have a separate Collectorate.

MINISTRY'S WORK

Addresses given in cities, towns and villages expressed satisfaction at the work of the Congress Ministry during the past year and a half and particularly gave a complement to the Premier for the help which non-official agencies are now receiving for starting primary schools in villages where no schools existed and where the population is over a thousand. The announcement made by the Hon. Mr. Kher that the Government would, during the next year, help non-official agencies to start schools in villages with a population of 700 or 800 has created great enthusiasm among the teachers in rural areas.

BHIL PEASANTS' WELCOME

The spontaneity of the welcome to the Ministers by the simple Gujarat peasant has been in keer. contrast with the artificiality of the atmosphere prevailing at functions in cities like Kaira or a town like Godhra. It was a moving sight when seven thousand Bhil peasants who had trudged fifteen or twenty miles along the dusty jungle roads leading up to a place called Jhalod received the Premier and the Revenue Minister with folded hands and presented an address couched in simple, outspoken language which characterises the Bhil peasant. A Bhil teacher who read the address on behalf of his brethren said that they would not utilise the great occasion for giving vent to petty grievances but for expressing their real joy at seeing the People's Ministers. The Ministers were profoundly impressed by the simplicity of the address could not help stating that though they had received hundreds of addresses in the past, the reception by the Bhil brethren gave them the greatest happiness. While replying to the welcome address, the Premier evidently remembered the case of a Bhil who after receiving university education, frankly admitted his inability to go out into villages for social work because he had a feeling that the atmosphere in the villages was not suited to his taste

The Premier, therefore emphasised in every speech that he made that mere knowledge of English did not entitle a person to call himself educated. He told them in as plain a manner as he could that without proper attention to handicrafts, the village lad would not be able to reconstruct his village. He told them how the system of education followed so far had been found wanting both in rural and urban areas and how Mahatma Gandhi wished to make up the deficiency by supplementing knowledge derived from books with practical knowledge of handicrafts

Prohibition In Bhil Areas

Thanks to the good work of the Bhil Seva Mandal conducted by Mr. A. V. Thakkar with a band of enthusiastic workers like Mr. Laxmidas Shrikant, the Bhil abo-

(Continued on Page 13, Col. 2).

Edgar Wallace' Detective Story Day By Day

THE HAND OF POWER

INSPECTOR WADE

AS WADE ENTERS THE ROOM THE BALLOON EXPLODES, RELEASING A CLOUD OF POISON GAS
STEEL SHUTTERS.... AIRTIGHT ...AND THE DOOR IS LOCKED!
TOO BAD I CAN'T STICK AROUND TO SEE HIM AFTERWARDS, BUT HE'S DONE FOR!
10-17
MAYBE WE'D BETTER GO AFTER 'IM NOW, SIR!
NO, BOGGS...WADE'S NOTE SAYS WE SHOULD WAIT FOR AN HOUR....WE'LL GIVE HIM ANOTHER THIRTY MINUTES...
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